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Port Almanac—December 28.

Sun Rises	7.10 A M
Sun Sets	4.53 P M
Day's Length	9 h 43 m
High Water at Southport	4.48 A M
High Water at Wilmington	6 35 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 28.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 39°; 8 p. m., 47°; maximum, 54°; minimum, 39°; mean 46°.

Rainfall for the day .00; rainfall for the month up to date, .77.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina and South Carolina: Fair; light variable winds.

The extensive storm which appeared twenty-four hours ago in the extreme Northw st has moved slowly southeastward and is now central in Manitoba, to the north of North Dakota. The pressure has fallen rapidly throughout all districts west of the Mississippi. The late storm has passed down the St. Lawrence valley and disappeared seaward.

Generally fair weather and rising temperature is indicated for the Southern and Eastern districts.

OUTLINES.

Both Houses of Congress were engaged in discussing financial matters. —— Fire in Baltimore destroyed $350,000 worth of property; the losses are all covered by insurance. —— The Treasury gold reserve, at the close of business yesterday, stood at $58,868,320. —— It is believed that the President will in a short time sell $100,000,000 bonds unless Congress shows a disposition to pass some relief measure quickly. —— The recent flood in Missouri caused an aggregate loss of $5,060,000; great destitution prevails and in some localities famine is threatened. —— A cry of fire during a performance in a Baltimore theatre caused a panic and thirteen persons were trampled to death and twenty injured. —— Scott Currie, of Richmond county, N. C., was assassinated by four white men; the murderers are in jail. —— A violent storm did considerable damage in and around Baltimore. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call was easy at 5@7 per cent. with last loan at 5 per cent; cotton quiet —middling gulf 8¼c; middling 8¼c. Southern flour was dull and easy—common to fair extra $3.10@3.80; good to choice $3.90@3.00; wheat—spot fairly active, Spring firmer; No. 2 red in store and at elevator 68c; afloat 69¼c; corn spot firm and quiet—No. 2 at elevator 34 cents; afloat 35 cents; spirits turpentine firm, with the South at 31@31½c; rosin dull but steady; strained common to good $1.70@1.75.

If President Cleveland can get away daily with the bill of fare the New York *Commercial Advertiser* puts up for him he must be a pretty ablebodied individual.

W. S. Stratton, of Colorado, who is now said to be the largest individual mine owner in the world and worth several millions, was three years ago a carpenter working for $3 a day.

Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, doesn't believe there will be any war, but believes "the President's message will do the country good." "Them's our sentiments."

The Chicago *Record* advises people who drink the water of that town to "boil" it. Good advice. Chicago water should not only be boiled, but boiled hard and then sifted.

The Philadelphia street car strike which was on for several days cost about $2,000,000. Strikes are costly amusements but we must have them occasionally even in staid burgs like Philadelphia.

Col. Cockrell, correspondent of the New York *Herald*, says the Japanese have blundered so much in Corea that the Russians have gained great an influence in that country and are now practically the dominators there.

They are talking about the McKinley tariff as a revenue tariff. In the last year of that tariff—1894—it produced $131,807,739 of revenue, while the Wilson bill has produced $161,391,367, an increase of nearly $30,000,000.

The New York *Herald* says "it is whispered in London that 'good, honest arbitration' may yet be the result of the Venezuela excitement." Very likely. J. Bull has discovered that this country means something now when it chats about the Monroe Doctrine.

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THE MORNING STAR,

THE OLDEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The Only Six-Dollar Daily of its Class in the State.

The New York *World* is a very enterprising journal, though at times somewhat peculiar. Several days ago it printed a groupe of noted criminals which it said are now at large in Gotham. Police officers say that of the collection seven are dead, two in England, three reformed, four in the penitentiary, one dying and one under surveillance of the police, suspected of having something to do with a crime recently committed.

In the event of war the Irish National League has offered Uncle Sam 100,000 disciplined soldiers, the Russian National Society 50,000 more, with other adopted societies to be heard from. It begins to look as if they don't intend to give the native borns a chance to take a few whacks at somebody.

A report comes from Washington that several years ago Russia offered this Government one half of her $400,000,000 gold hoard to maintain its credit and that the offer is still open. That's very neighborly even if we do not live near enough to swap yarns, of which this report is probably some.

Rear-Admiral Roe, who was called to taw for some pretty free criticisms of the ability of this country to cope with England in war, says he didn't know he was talking to a newspaper man and wasn't talking for publicity. He was buncoed, as it were.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J H BUNTING—In everybody's mouth

OPERA HOUSE—Concert and comedy.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

LOST—$15 in greenbacks.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— Local forecast: Fair till Monday night; colder Saturday morning, with slowly rising temperature; light northerly winds.

— Grace Methodist E. Sunday School had a Christ mas tree and suitable services for the occasion in the lecture room of the church last evening.

— The Directors of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent., payable on and after January 10th.

— The old custom of "watch-night services," or watching the old year out and the new year in, will be observed by several city churches next Tuesday night.

— There was an impromtu german given last night in the Hibernian hall. Mr. Swift Boatwright was leader. About twenty couples participated in the merry dance.

— Rev. R. A. Willis is expected to arrive in this city from Fayetteville this evening and to fill his pulpit at Grace M. E. Church for the first time to-morrow morning and evening.

— The bill relating to ex-Confederates which passed the Senate on the 24th applies only to those who, having served in the United States army, afterwards served in the Confederate army.

— The Directors of the Atlantic National Bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent., payable at once, and have carried $5,000 to the surplus fund, out of the profits of the past six months.

— Cards have been issued for the marriage of Miss Belle Pigford to Mr. J. C. Joyce (both of this city) December 31st at 11,30 o'clock p. m. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Pigford, North Front street.

— The regular services at the Seamen's Bethel will be held to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. D. McClure. Seamen and river men specially invited. All welcome. Come; fine music.

— Master Frank Harriss, the 12-year-old son of Mr. Geo. N. Harriss, wandered away from his home, No. 108 South Fifth street Thursday night, following a crowd of masqueraders, but returned yesterday. He got so far from home Thursday night he was afraid to return and spent the night with friends.

— A meeting for men only will be held at the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow afternoon at 4 45, at which the speaker will be the well known lawyer, DuBruiz Cutlar, Esq. Mr. Cutlar is a good talker and a clear thinker, and no doubt will give the young men something good. It is hoped a large crowd will turn out to hear him.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers, who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term at Hanover Lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 189, last night: I. J. Sternberger, Noble Grand; M. A. Foote, Vice Grand; S. G. Hall, Recording and Financial Secretary; W. H. Howell, Treasurer; Wm. Fleet, Organist.

Housekeepers who want servants are in the habit of supplying their needs from the STAR's want column. Are you looking for a situation? The STAR's want column will bring you the best results. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Berry Gleaves has returned to Baltimore.

— Mr. A. L. Blue, of Clarkton, is in the city on business.

— Mr. Fred. Horton, who has been quite sick, is out again.

— Mr. Wm. Jackson, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday.

— Capt. A. J. Galloway, of Goldsboro, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Sidney Blue, of Bladen county, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. E. W. Overbaugh, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. B. O. Middleton, of Atkinson, Ga., is registered at The Purcell.

— Mr. H. L. King, of Charleston, S. C., is in the city visiting relatives.

— Mr. A. M. Scales and wife are in the city spending the Christmas holidays.

— Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Love are in Bladen county visiting Mrs. Love's mother.

— Mr. Isaac Murchison, formerly of Cumberland county, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. E. J. Hollingsworth, of Wake Forest, was a guest at The Purcell yesterday.

— Mr. T. Jasper Pratt is spending the Christmas holidays with his family here.

— Mr. Jno. H. Craig, of Elberton, Ga., is in the city visiting his brother, Mr. Joe. F. Craig.

— Mr. Robt. S. French, of the Plant Railroad, has returned from a trip up the C. F. & Y. V. R. R.

— Misses Lillie Walker, Mary and Henrietta Shepard have returned home from a visit to Rocky Point.

— Mr. B. H. Scott, who has been employed at Trenton, S. C., for several weeks past, has returned to this city.

— Miss Eva Smith, of Timmonsville, S. C., who has been on a visit to Miss Jennie Bunting, has returned home.

— Mr. Chas. L. Abernethy, of the Beaufort *Herald*, is in the city accompanied by his wife, stopping at The Purcell.

— Mr. R. K. Wright has returned from a business tour South in the interest of the San Souci Fertilizer Co., of this city.

— The STAR regrets to learn that Mr. J. R. Kenly, general manager of the A. C. L., is confined to his house by sickness.

— In honor of the late R. F. Langdon, General Auditor Riach's office was closed during the funeral; all in the office attending.

— Miss Mabel Elliott, of Fayetteville, who has been visiting Miss Annie Taylor, has returned home to the regret of her many friends.

— Mr. Alfred Moffitt, of the Auditor's office, A. C. L., has returned from a Christmas visit to "Pools's Rock," the hospitable country home of Capt. Jno. H. Sharp, in Vance county.

— Mr. John T. French, now living near Florence, S. C., is here on a visit to relatives and friends. The "boys" are all glad to see John, and regret that he will leave for his home this afternoon.

— The arrivals at The Orton yesterday were Messrs. J M Fleming, Savannah; A J Galloway, Goldsboro; Jno Backer, New York; W A Gribbie, Charlotte; S L Dosher and wife, Charlotte; A. Loeb, New York; J Willis, Baltimore; Wm McRee, St Louis; Miss Annie A Sieger, Wilmington, Mass.; Edgar L Hart, Norfolk; H E Pritchett, McRae, Ga.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—57 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—71 bales cotton, 156 bbls rosin, 16 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—73 bales cotton, 51 casks spirits turpentine, 173 bbls rosin, 54 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Newbern & Norfolk R. R.—120 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer D Murchison—150 bales cotton, 88 casks spirits turpentine, 11 bbls rosin, 30 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 470 bales; spirits turpentine, 103 casks; rosin, 340 bbls; tar, 100 bbls.

The Fistic Carnival.

The programme for the pugilistic carnival to take place near El Paso in February is announced as follows:

February 11—"Bright Eyes," colored Texan, and Joseph Walcott, colored.

February 13—George Dixon and Jerry Marshall.

February 18—Horace Leeds and Jack Everhardt.

February 14—Peter Maher and Rob't Fitzsimmons.

Change of Purchasing Agents.

Raleigh *News & Observer*: Mr. W. J. Edwards, Purchasing Agent of the Seaboard Air Line, will not be longer in the service of the system after the first of January. The work after that will devolve on Mr. W. T. Reed, Superintendent of Motive Power. Mr. Edwards is a most capable and efficient gentleman, and has a host of friends who will hope to see him remain in Raleigh."

Cotton Notes.

Receipts here yesterday, 470 bales; same day last year; 595. Receipts for the week ending yesterday, December 27, 4,713 bales; same week last year, 6,770. Receipts for the crop year to December 27, 184,069; for same time last year, 202,038.

Burke's is the cheapest place in the city for jewelry for Christmas presents. †

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

For the Sunday School of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

An enjoyable Christmas entertainment was given in Luther Memorial building last night, by St. Paul's Sunday School.

The Christmas trees were beautiful and presented to all a most pleasing sight. The children all seemed to have the spirit of a joyous Christmas in them, which was truly manifested in the manner in which they participated in the exercises.

The singing was fine, and the numerous recitations and songs of the children were not only suited to the occasion, but reflected much credit on their teachers and the superintendent.

The following children recited and assisted in the exercises: Katie Mohr, Mary Ittner, Fred Bank, Louis Klander, Dora Bornemann, Katie Fick, Lillie Gerken, Christian Hintze, Bertha Steljes, Henrietta Fick, Louise Richter, and Blanche Miller, Willie Duls, Charlie Richter, Fred Hutaff, Annie Tienken, Irma Ingram, Lina Rowell, Annie Klander, Norma Bank, Lucile Bank, Josie Schulken, Lillian Stemmerman, of the infant department, under direction of Miss Annie Stemmerman.

Master Henry Boldt, the son of the pastor, rendered a German recitation in a most excellent manner.

Rev. K. Boldt, the pastor of the church, addressed the children, after which the trees were illuminated, and the presents were distributed among the many children.

While waiting for the trees to be lighted Mr. H. E. Bonitz was called on to present the superintendent, Mr. John H. Haar, Jr., and the pastor, Rev. K. Boldt, each with an umbrella, which were presents from the teachers of the Sunday School. Mrs. Miller, the teacher of the Bible class, was also remembered by her pupils.

The most enjoyable feature of the evening to all lovers of music was a delightful soprano solo by Miss Annie Stolter. Her rich and mellow voice is ever a delight to her many admirers.

Rev. Dr. Bernheim assisted in the exercises.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

Installation of Officers of Masonic Lodges.

Yesterday being St. John's Day was appropriately celebrated by the fraternity in this city. At 8 o'clock p. m. the three lodges convened in St. John's Hall, when the elective officers with the appointive officers for the ensuing Masonic year were installed by P. G. M. H. H. Munson, in consequence of the sickness of P. M. Sam'l Northrop, to whom this duty had been assigned by the Committee of Arrangements. P. M. J. L. Cantwell acted as Grand Marshal.

There was vocal music by a quartette accompanied by instrumental music, and refreshments were afterwards served in the lodge room, the tables being arranged in the shape of a cross. It was a very pleasant occasion.

Responses to calls for speeches were made by Rev. A. D. McClure, Rev. J. W. Kramer, Mr. W. B. McKoy, Mr. C. H. Robinson, P. G. M., Rev. F. N. Skinner, Messrs. J. W. St. John of Walton, N. Y., H. H. Munson, P. G. M., W. E. Storm, W. M.

The following are the appointive officers of the three lodges:

St. John's No. 1—Rev. F. N. Skinner, S. D.; L. A. Gibbs, J. D.; T. H. Johnson, Tiler; J. F. Maunder, J. H. Davis, Stewards; H. H. Munson, Marshal; Rev. T. Page Ricaud, Chaplain.

Wilmington No. 819—C. E. Gordon, S. D.; J. W. Plummer, J. D.; T. H. Johnson, Tiler; H. A. Kure, W. P. Oldham, Stewards; J. L. Cantwell, Marshal; W. A. Johnson, Chaplain.

Orient No. 395.—J. W. Jackson, S. D.; O. F. Love, J. D.; T. H. Johnson, Tiler; H. L. Fennell, J. L. Toon, Stewards; E. O. Toomer, Marshal; G. Z. French, Chaplain.

The exercises closed with an invocation by Rev. A. D. McClure.

L'Ariose Club's Christmas German.

The Christmas german of L'Ariose Club was given last night in Germania Hall. The seventy-five couples who participated in the dance were led through the beautiful figures by Mr. Harry McIlhenny. The souvenirs were silver pen-knives with the monogram of the Club engraved upon them. About 12 o'clock an elegant supper was served by the King's Daughters, and after the dancers had refreshed themselves, the merry whirl and dreamy glide of the waltz were kept up until an early hour this morning. The visiting young ladies were Misses Busbee of Raleigh, Miss Dockery of Charlotte, Miss Bynum of Lincolnton, Misses Fain of Atlanta, Ga., Miss Brodie of Wilson, and Miss Andrews of Raleigh. The visiting young gentlemen present were Messrs. Overbaugh and Underwood of Fayetteville, Mr. Cheers of New Orleans, La., and Mr. Fleming of Savannah, Ga.

Funeral of the Late Captain Langdon.

There was a large attendance yesterday morning at the funeral of the late Captain Richard F. Langdon. The services were held at St. James' Church by the rector, Rev. Dr. Strange. There were many beautiful floral offerings. After the service at the church the remains were taken to Oakdale cemetery for interment, followed by a large funeral cortege. The pall-bearers were: Honorary—Hon. O. P. Meares and Mr. W. A. Riach. Active—Col. John L. Cantwell, Col. W. L. DeRosset, Mr. Thos. B. Lippitt, Capt. W. Harriss Northrop, Capt. O. A. Wiggins and Mr. James Alvis Walker.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for ess than 20 cents. tf

For Christmas presents go to Burke's jewelry store, South Front next to Market street. †

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET.

SERIOUS CUTTING AFFRAY AT MILBURNIE.

Idy Johnson Bitten by His Bird Dog—Christmas Entertainments—The A. & M. College—School Superintendents—The Lease of the North Carolina Railroad—Business Portion of the Town of Liberty Destroyed by Fire—State Treasurer Calls for Taxes.

[*Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.

James Butler, a white citizen of Milburnie, was severely cut last evening and it is thought he will die. The sheriff has sent a deputy to the scene to take Butler's assailant.

Mr. Idy Johnson, a well-known druggist, was severely bitten by his bird dog last evening.

Nearly all the Sunday schools in the city have given Christmas entertainments. The Baptist Tabernacle gave a unique entertainment which was largely attended last evening.

Mr. Chas. Newcomb, of the First Baptist church, was invited to sing last evening at the Church of the Good Shepherd. He expected to sing until he arrived at the church, but upon learning that he would have to wear a surplice he declined.

President Holladay of the Agricultural College has returned from Washington, where he went for the purpose of securing a military detail for duty as military inspector at the college.

The school superintendents of the State are in session here. There is a good attendance. Many leading educators are present, including Dr. Winston of the University.

One of the best known attorneys in this State said this morning, in talking to a *Press Visitor* reporter: "I was opposed to the lease of the North Carolina railroad to the Southern, when the deal was made. The contract was gone into and agreed by all parties. It was no child's play and it is a shame that any disappointed office seeker or politician should be allowed to cause such a great investment unnecessary trouble just for the sake of venting his own spleen. The Southern Railway went in the agreement with honesty of purpose and have invested thousands of dollars, which they would not have done otherwise. A few disgruntlers are trying to do a great deal of damage."

The gentleman who made these remarks is not an attorney for the Southern.

It can be stated with a certain degree of accuracy, though without official confirmation, that further improvement on the property of the North Carolina railroad will be discontinued until this matter is settled. Extensive preparations had been made for the rehabilitation of the shops at Burlington. This would have given employment to 1,300 people in that prosperous little town.

This is the week for the removal of the Southern Railway's terminus at West Point to its new deep water terminus at Portsmouth, Va.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Treasurer Worth is addressing a circular letter to all the sheriffs of the State, urging the necessity of paying taxes as fast as possible. There were $80,000 in the treasury at the ending of the fiscal year, and with $140,000 due January 1st, interest on bonds and pension warrants, there will be a deficit of $60,000 January 1st unless prompt payment is made.

The town of Liberty was almost entirely destroyed last night by fire. The business portion was wiped out.

Gen. Gordon's Lecture.

The box sheet for Gen. Gordon's address will be open at Yates' Monday morning. It is certain that a large audience will be present to hear him Tuesday night. The camp of Confederate veterans will attend in a body. They are expected to meet the General at the hotel and accompany him as a guard of honor to the hall. Several gentlemen of the city have been invited to meet him and to sit with him on the platform. The occasion will be a notable one.

When this address, "The last days of the Confederacy," was first delivered in Brooklyn the New York *Tribune*, which is not apt to be enthusiastic where Southern statesmen are concerned, had this to say the next morning:

"General Gordon is a speaker of magnetic eloquence, and the scene in the Tabernacle last night was more like that at a stirring political meeting than at a lecture. The audience was, at times, aroused to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. When the speaker of the evening was introduced every one in the great gathering arose, waved his or her handkerchief and cheered for a minute or two. His tributes to the characters of Generals Lee and Grant were applauded most warmly. When General Gordon finished, three ringing cheers were given for him."

Christmas at St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sabbath School had a large beautiful tree ornamented and laden with fruits, nuts and candies and lighted with many candles. The exercises consisted of a Praise Hymn, "The Lord's Prayer," in concert, led by the pastor; a quartette carol, sung by Misses Bissett and Calloway and Messrs. Stewart and McClure; repeating the 23d Psalm, in concert, led by Superintendent T. F. Bagley; "Beautiful Star," by trio, Misses Burnett and Calloway and Mr. Stewart. Miss Britt was organist. A contribution was made to the sexton. The pastor gave rewards to twenty-seven children who had not missed more than five Sabbaths. Santa Claus gave the tin ornaments and candles to the children. There are 200 in the Sabbath School.

At the Opera House Monday Night.

The entertainment to be given by the Southern Mandolin Club, of this city, comes Monday night at the Opera House. The boys will give some choice selections and one or two specialties. The musical programme will be followed by the "Bicyclers," an up-to-date farce, by John Kendrick Bangs, and the whole ought to, and no doubt will, make a pleasant evening.

The price of reserved seats has been put at 50 cents; general admission 25 cents.

Before purchasing jewelry for presents get Burke's prices, South Front next to Market street. †

Christmas Entertainment at Grace M. E. Sunday School.

The children of the Sunday School of Grace M. E. Church had their Christmas festival last night. It was a pleasant and happy occasion, greatly enjoyed by all present. After prayer and singing, the address of welcome was delivered by Ernest Green, and the following programme was rendered:

Duet, "Judah, Thy Vales are Sleeping," Misses Nora Scott and Mary Galloway.

Recitation, "Down Blackberry Lane," Hazel Love.

Recitation, "Why Santa Claus is Troubled," Nepple Borden.

"Santa Claus is Coming," Primary Department.

Recitation, "Santa Claus Knows," Marie Clawson.

Solo, "Rock-a-by," Agnes Chasten.

Recitation, "Secret with Santa Claus," Gussie Jacobs.

Song by the school, "The Wondrous Birth."

Recitation, "A Visit to St. Nicholas," Alice Craft.

After a dialogue between "Kriss Kringle," Master Robt. Van Lear, and children—Mary Lewis, Mary Post, Hallie Davis and Clarence Davis—presents were distributed to all the children of the Sunday school.

The benediction was pronounced at the close of the entertainment by Rev. R. A. Willis, the new pastor of Grace Church, who arrived from Fayetteville last evening by train on the C. F. & Y. railroad.

New Year Concert.

All lovers of really fine music are advised not to miss the concert that is to be given at the Opera House next Wednesday evening, January 1st. Judging by the high praise these artists have received at the hands of musical critics in other cities throughout the North and South, our people have a treat in store for them. The New Orleans *Review* describes the tenor, Mr. Otto Polemann, as possessing "the ardent nature of the dramatic singer; his vocalization is vibrant with feeling, warm with the magnetic fires that sway an audience and are the tenor's strongest power."

Of Mr. R. E. S. Roe, the Hartford *Post* writes: "Hartford music lovers enjoyed a rare treat last evening. Mr. Roe was heard in Schumann's 'Two Grenadiers.' He has a rare voice and we shall be glad to hear him again."

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington Postoffice December 27, 1895:

WOMEN'S LIST.

B—Mrs Emma Bowden, Mrs Jennie Brown. C—Mrs J W Crane. E—Miss Belle Eakins, Mrs Rebecca Elison. G—Miss Mamie Goodwin. J—Miss Rayner Joyner. H—Mrs Minnie Henry, Mrs W H Hill. K—Miss Hammer King. M—Mrs A C Moore, Miss Annie McDuffie, Miss Maggie Moore. P—Mrs Addie Parks, Miss Francis Parker. S—Mrs Jane Swenson, Miss Pauline Smith. W—Mrs Ida C Williams.

MEN'S LIST.

A—J A Austamme. B—A D Brooks; Mr Joe Butler, J E Britton; Lem Blackman, Mrs Willie Brown. C—C A Cronnin, F T Churchill, H Clark. F—Orange Formduval. G—Charles Garrison, Edward Galoway, G W Gamble, H—D R Hayne, G R Harman (2), J O Hollingsworth, L M Harrington, R F Herring. K—Owen King. O—Old Dominion Lumber Co. L—Mack Loder. M—Champ Morton, J A Montague, J H McLaurin. P—Chas Play. R—Andrew Roberts, Chas P Ray, Geo T Rives. S—A J Simons, Dollie Salmon, G L Smith, Hi Sling, Ransom Slade. T—Julius Thomas, Thos T Taylor, J L Taylor. W—E C Wright.

RETURNED FROM DEAD-LETTER OFFICE.

O H Starr, Limso Shepard, Eliza Waller.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in 15 days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

WILMINGTON AT ATLANTA.

Characteristic of North Carolina Modesty, But a Model in Its Way.

The *Manufacturers' Record* makes the following reference to Wilmington's exhibit at the Atlanta Exposition:

"The Wilmington exhibit is characteristic of North Carolina modesty, but it is a model in the way of beauty and instruction. The frame is made of curly pine and curly poplar, by Fore & Foster. One map shows the city, its harbor, and New Hanover county with its seaside resorts; another map shows Wilmington's commercial connections, by rail and water, with the trade centres on both sides of the Atlantic. A set of fifty medium size and large photographs arranged about these maps and on swinging frames show Hilton Park, the turnpike road, the lumber mills, cotton mills, fertilizer factories, the harbor, cotton compresses and other facilities for manufacture and commerce. Two statistical charts give the population, and foreign exports in lumber, naval stores and cotton, and set forth the city's advantages for commerce and manufactures. On top of the frame are two fine transparencies, one of Wilmington's chief seaside resort, Wrightsville Beach, and the other of cotton steamers loading at the Champion compress, one of the most complete plants of its kind in the United States."

Encyclopedia Britannica.

The STAR Britannica Department is still filling orders for the Encyclopedia Britannica. This is the latest and best edition of this great work. Issued in 25 volumes, bound in cloth or sheep. For full particulars read announcement on third page, or inquire at the STAR office

The Churches.

Chapel of the Good Shepard, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a m and 8 p m.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets; Rev. J. B. Harrell, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m., 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p m. Church Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Fifth Street M. E. Church South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunningim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m and 7.45 p. m. by the pastor. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Class meeting at 7 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1895

PLAYING POLITICS.

The two bills which the Republicans have drafted to "relieve the Treasury", the first of which passed the House of Representatives Thursday, are short but they are both constructed on a political basis and are intended to accomplish two things if they get through.

The tariff bill is composed of four sections, the first of which imposes a tax of sixty per cent. of the McKinley duty on wool and on all materials used with or as a substitute for wool; the second levies a duty of sixty per cent. of the McKinly duty per pound or yard on manufactures of wool, in whole or in part; the third imposes a duty on imported lumber equivalent to sixty per cent. of the duty imposed by the McKinley act; section four adds fifteen per cent. of the duty imposed by the McKinley law to the present duty on sundry other articles. It provides that in no case the duties imposed shall exceed the duties levied under the McKinley law, and the act is to go into force upon its ratification and remain in force until August 1st, 1898, by which time they hope the Republicans will have full control of the reins at Washington, and can then fix up a tariff bill to suit themselves.

It doesn't require a spyglass for one to see the politics in this job. The wool-growers of the West, (that is to say the larger wool-growers), have been howling ever since wool was put upon the free list and this is the first good chance they have had to make a concerted move to get it put back on the dutiable list. This the Republican schemers believe will make them solid with the wool-growers of Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and other Western States. They have placated the woollen manufacturers who were disposed to kick against the imposition of a tax on wool by giving them a compensatory tax on manufactured woollens equivalent to the duty on wool, which simply means that the manufacturer will not only charge his customers with the duty imposed on the wool which he imports but will add something like that to the goods he makes, whether the wool he uses be imported or native wool, or whether he pays more for it or not. The manufacturers will take advantage of the excuse and will put up the price of their goods accordingly.

Putting lumber back on the dutiable list will, they think, make them solid with the lumber men of the West and of Maine, who have to compete somewhat with the lumber men of Canada, and so they hope to fool the farmers of the States bordering on Canada, and perhaps other farmers, by imposing a duty on products of the farm. These duties are not to be as high in any case as they were under the McKinley law, but they showed discretion in that, for while they gain the good will of the interests protected they are less apt to encounter the antagonism that would be aroused by a straightout re-enactment of the McKinley schedules as applied to these articles. They shrewdly calculated that if the conditions improve before the 1st of August, 1898, they can in the next Presidential campaign claim the credit for it and produce this as an argument for a higher tariff, and if it fail they will simply contend that it was because the tariff was not high enough. They are taking the chances on the improvement in business and the increase of tariff that may be expected under the Wilson bill, and will claim credit for the increased revenues as the result of their foresight and wise management. They are also taking their chances on this bill passing the Senate, in which event it is said they have assurances from the President that he will approve it, which he might possibly do under the circumstances, but if he does it will harmonize very poorly with his repeated declarations on the tariff question and his severe arraignment of the gentlemen of the last Congress who stood in the way of a more pronounced reduction of the McKinley duties. We very much doubt the assertion that the President will sanction this scheme, as Secretary Carlisle has in his last report stated that in his opinion no tariff legislation is necessary to provide an increase of revenues, as the indications point not only to ample receipts to meet the current expenses of the Government, but enough to leave a surplus of about $7,000,000 at the end of the present fiscal year.

There is politics also in the financial bill, which does not stand as much show of passing the Senate, if it does stand a better chance of receiving the President's signature. This is in two sections, the first of which authorizes the Secretary to issue three per cent., five year bonds, redeemable at the pleasure of the Government in coin, when in his judgment it may be necessary, but such bonds are to be sold in the open market after advertisement for bids, the coin so secured to be used for the redemption of greenbacks and for no other purpose. Section two provides for the issuing of certificates of indebtedness, to meet any deficiencies that may now or hereafter exist, these certificates to bear interest at three per cent. payable in three years after date, in lawful money of the United States, to be disposed of at not less than par at the Treasury, sub-treasuries and such post offices as the Secretary may designate. The proceeds of these certificates are to be used to meet the deficiencies in current expenses and for no other purpose, and are not to exceed an aggregate of $50,000,000.

It is notable that this bill when referring to the sale and redemption of bonds uses the word "coin" and in the certificate clause uses the words "lawful money," which means that they will pay the people who buy the certificates in any kind of money that may be convenient and the people who buy the bonds in gold, for the reason, we suppose, that they will have to pay gold for them. But why use the word "coin" and carry out the old deception which has been practiced ever since the Treasury construed coin to mean gold, and not say gold plainly when they mean gold?

MINOR MENTION.

The New York Produce Exchange has petitioned Congress to lay aside partisanship and pass a financial bill line with the President's late recommendation, to preserve the credit of the Government which is being impaired, they say, by the depletion of the gold reserve. We suppose this will be followed up by similar petitions from other cities. It is natural and proper that the members of the Produce Exchange, and other citizens, should be interested in preserving the credit of the Government, but as far as we can see the credit of the Government has not yet suffered, although this gold depletion has been going on for several years, the raiders simply waiting between raids until the reserve is replenished to start on another raid. Reduced to its essence it simply means that while the gold reserve policy prevails, we must go on borrowing gold for the benefit of the raiders. Who is responsible for these repeated depletions? Not the people, for they never give the Treasury any trouble; but the gold dealers and speculators who deal in that as a commodity, just as they do in wheat or cotton, lock it up in their vaults and compel the importer who may need gold to meet his indebtedness abroad to go to the Treasury for it. If all the banks were actuated by the same spirit as the Germania bank, of Cincinnati, which recently offered the Government all the gold it had, there would be little difficulty in keeping the gold reserve up. But the trouble is the gold men want everything and are willing to concede nothing. They want the reserve kept up and then they persist in pulling it down. If they lend gold when the Treasury gets in a pinch, they know they are putting it where they can draw on it and get it back when it suits their interest or convenience. They could stop all this business, if they are really concerned about the credit of the Government, by favoring the passage of a bill providing for the payment of the Government's obligations in coin, without discrimination against either metal. That would stop the raiding and make the Treasury solid.

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The tariff measure which passed the House of Representatives Thursday, was constructed on a partisan basis, discussed from a partisan standpoint and passed by a partisan vote, the Democrats and Populists voting against it, and the Republicans solidly for it. The Republicans doubtless expected this, when they allowed only one day for the consideration of a measure which they claimed would add $40,000,000 to the revenues from customs, which means in other words a tax of $40,000,000 on the American people, for it is they who will have to pay the tax. There was no disposition whatever shown to consult the judgment of the House, or seek the co-operation of the Democrats or others in forming a "revenue" measure, and hence the brief debate—three and a half hours—allowed and the haste with which the bill was passed as it came from the committee. There was no need for such haste, and the fact that it was rushed through so rapidly is a pretty good indication that its framers didn't expect to get it through both Houses, or to secure the President's endorsement if it did get through. Some time ago Speaker Reed said that this would be a "do nothing" Congress, and Congressman Cannon, of Illinois, said they would do some "resolutin'," &c., and—pass the appropriation bills. That's about all the Republicans expect to do, while pretending to be very anxious to do something more.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The offer of the German National Bank of Cincinnati to turn over to the Federal sub-Treasury all the gold which the bank had on hand was patriotic and timely. It is also well worthy of emulation by every other bank in the country as well as by private individuals who may be hoarding the yellow metal.—*N. Y. Mercury, Dem.*

—— The McKinley tariff was made up and passed with the avowed object of decreasing excessive revenue. It was effectual for the purpose intended. The revenue was so reduced as to bring about a pinch in the Treasury before the end of the Harrison administration. But the madcaps in Congress now talk of practically re-enacting the McKinley law for the purpose of increasing the revenue! It is of the essence of Protectionism to increase taxation without increasing revenue.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

—— It is evident that the Republican majority in Congress does not intend to do anything to put the Treasury in a better fix. They are going to propose a measure for the relief of the Treasury which will not afford it relief, and which, it seems to us, they know will not afford it relief. Their purpose is to gain a party advantage, not to legislate for the good of the country. A party that is capable of partisanship only, when patriotism is needed, ought to be, and probably will be repudiated by the people.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Statesville *Landmark*: Mr. Herbert Matheson, of Taylorsville, dropped dead at the depot in Taylorsville Saturday night about 8.30 o'clock. He had been in his usual health up to the time of his death. Deceased was about 33 years old and unmarried.

— Concord *Standard*: Section Master W. G. Adams and his three assistants had started for their home four miles north of Salisbury, Saturday night at 9 30 Just as their dump car reached the main line it met No. 35. Lee Carr was instantly kill and Tom Johnson was terribly injured. There are no hopes for his recovery.

— Salisbury *World*: Revenue Officer T. H. Vanderford and Deputy Collector D. R. Julian seized a blockade distillery near Union Church Tuesday evening. The distillery was operated by John Freeman and had on hand 600 gallons of beer at the time of the seizure. The still and beer tubs were destroyed and a quantity of meal and two beeves confiscated to Uncle Sam.

— Lenoir *Topic*: Died at his home seven miles northeast of Lenoir, at 8 p. m., December 16th, 1895, Rev. Edmund Tilley, aged 88 years, 1 month and 10 days. He was a minister of the Baptist church for more than half a century. —— Mrs. Mary McCrary, of Little River township, is thought to be the oldest living white person in the county. She was born February 12, 1801, and is hale and hearty. The oldest colored person that we know of is Patsey Ballew who has passed her 101st year.

— Morganton *Herald*: Uncle Burto Whisenhunt, of Linville township, gives the details of what to most men would be a great sorrow, but which the sufferer regards with apparent indifference. One Noah Allman, a neighbor, took Whisenhunt's wife, daughter and youngest son, together with the most valuable of his household effects, and hit the grit for East Tennessee. This was on the third inst., and while the husband and father was absent from home. Allman left a wife and seven children to whom, however, he deeded his land before leaving and who are reported as not unhappy now. Uncle Burto says upon reaching home the day after the desertion he found the key of the house under the front door, his fattening pig killed and for the most part eaten, and only a straw bed and a cooked meal left for him.

TWINKLINGS.

— Spaceryt—Suppose there will be any newspapers in Heaven?

Editor—If there are, they will be run by amateurs.—*Life.*

— "Does position affect sleep?" asked a medical writer. It does when the man man holds the position of night watchman.—*Texas Siftings.*

— Elder Berry—What is your idea of faith?

Joblots—Putting a nickel on the plate and expecting a crown of gold.—*N. Y. Herald.*

— "No," said young Spooner, "I wasn't really mad when her father drove me from the house; but I will admit that I was put out."—*Boston Transcript.*

— Senator Peffer has discovered that the average cost of burying a United States Senator is something over $3,000. Let us call it $4,000 apiece and finish up the job.—*Life.*

— Final Arrangements.—Friend—Have you signed the contract?

Actress—Yes. The manager agrees to allow the expenses of two diamond robberies and one divorce.—*Brooklyn Life.*

— He—Were you alarmed, darling, when I kissed you so suddenly in the conservatory last night?

Darling—Not a bit. I rather thought it was you.—*Detroit Free Press.*

APPOINTMENTS

Of Visitations by the Bishop of East Carolina.

Dec 29th—Sunday after Christmas—M P—Roxobel, S Mark's.

Dec 29th—Sunday after Christmas—E P—Woodville, Bertie county. Grace church.

Dec 31st—Tuesday—Windsor, S Thomas'.

Jan 1st, 1896—Wednesday—Festival of the Circumcision—E P—Plymouth, Grace Church.

Jan 3d—Friday—Williamston—Church of the Advent.

M P—Morning Prayer. E P—Evening Prayer.

Holy Communion at all morning services.

The children catechized when practicable.

The Vestries will pleased be prepared to meet the Bishop.

Offerings to be for Diocesan Missions.

MODERN BLACK ART.

IT IS SAID TO OUTDO "THE DEVIL ON TWO STICKS."

The Three Ways of Casting a Spell—How Toads and Wax Images Are Employed. One Method Is Quite Fin de Siecle—Men of Learning Believe In the Rubbish.

Modern occultism, or, to put it in diplomatic costume, l'occultisme moderne, is becoming decidedly aggressive, to say the least of it, if we are to believe La Revue Illustree. Strange as the news may appear, it is nevertheless reported that the black art is flourishing fiendishly both in Europe and America.

Casting a spell upon an individual, or, as they say on the Bowery, "hoodooing a fellow," has not, according to La Revue, fallen into innocuous desuetude. We all remember the scene depicted by Alexandre Dumas in "Reine Margot," in which the perfumer of Catherine de' Medici plunges a golden needle into the heart, or rather the place where the heart ought to be, of a little wax statuette modeled in the image of King Charles IX. But the magicians of the present day have brought modern improvements into the art. They practice three kinds of hoodooism, according to the caprice of the client and the degree of hatred with which he is possessed. In one they use a toad, in another a doll and in a third they operate a l'esprit volant, or, in other words, they remove the spirit and place it temporarily just where they want it.

Here are the prescriptions for the three methods: You take a road, male or female, according to the sex of the person whom you wish to reach. You baptize it as you would a child, giving it the full name of your enemy. While you are committing this sacrilege you must endeavor to work yourself up into a paroxysm of hatred toward your victim, and you must sandwich the sacramental words with the most horrible imprecations. Then you inflict upon the toad all the tortures that your imagination can suggset, for your enemy is bound to suffer correspondingly.

If you take an eye out of the toad, your enemy will lose an eye, etc. In America, according to La Revue, the Black Crooks have recourse to a more summary expedient. They bury the toad at the threshold of the residence of the person selected for a victim, with the result that he dies as if suffocated.

The doll method is the most ancient and the most classic. It requires a wax figure called a "manie," resembling the victim as much as possible. It is also necessary to have some little objects that belonged to the victim, or, better yet, one of his teeth, portions of his nails or one or two hairs of his head. You mix these things in with the wax of the doll and baptize it. Then, just like the poisoner of Catherine de' Medici, you stick a pin into the figure. If at that moment your enemy is ever flirting with a young woman, he immediately begins to suffer from palpitation of the heart, naturally enough, if he does not die from suffocation.

The proceeding l'esprit volant is the latest improvement in this science, and it is the child of hypnotism. In order to execute it you must have a subject whose astral body, which we are told is of a fluid nature, will abandon the material body on your order and transport itself toward your victim. It slips into his veins the poisons which you have learned how to volatilize. The operation terminated, you return the astral body to its carnal dwelling, and you rouse the subject. The crime is committed without anybody in the world being able to accuse you, and you are left alone with your conscience. But the conscience of a Black Crook is particularly elastic.

Now, that is the way they work the machine, and La Revue refuses to reveal the places where the ceremonies are performed for fear of leading its readers into temptation. It is better, it says, to let them believe that the business of casting spells belongs to the domain of fables. But the surprising thing about it is that men of learning and apparently endowed with common sense indulge in this kind of rubbish.

Witnesses well worthy of belief have told extraordinary stories of a certain Colonel de Rochas—stories that can outdo the wildest inventions of the "Devil on Two Sticks." Colonel de Rochas, we are told, has discovered a method of "exteriorizing the sensations of individuals." Asmodeus used to put the souls of Christians who died impenitent into bottles, but M. de Rochas, more ingenious than Asmodeus, concentrates and dissolves in a glass of water the senses of enjoyment and of suffering of a subject previously magnetized. If this water is boiled, the subject writhes like St. Laurent on his gridiron, and if, on the contrary, the water freezes, the unfortunate victim becomes blizzardly cold.

Like the story of "Jack and the Bean Stalk," all this may not be as true as the Bible, but in these days of advancement why shouldn't the black art be reformed and rejuvenated?

A "Genial" Actor.

I was talking about actors to an actor the other day, and I happened to say, regarding a certain Thespian now passed away:

"Ah, genial old Mr. ——!"

"Oh, yes," retorted the actor bitterly, "very genial! How he ever got that reputation is more than I know.

"When he used to give his famous performance of Sir Anthony Absolute in 'The Rivals' and I'd play Captain Absolute, he'd give me a genial poke with his stick, say, 'Ah, Jack, you dog!' with a genial smile and just keep me a prisoner down at the corner of the stage while he took the center and got all the attention.

"If he saw me working up to get a little notice, which the part required, he'd poke me down again and keep it up till the curtain fell."—Polly Pry in New York Recorder.

Saved by an Elk.

A curious story of adventure comes from Montana. While a freight train was lying over at a small mountain station the engineer borrowed a shotgun and started out for a hunt. He was about returning to his train when a cow made her appearance. Before he realized that there was any danger the animal made a rush at him, and he ran with all his speed. But the cow was a better racer, and in a few minutes caught him by his clothing, splitting his coat from waist to collar and tossing him into the air. Getting to his feet as quickly as possible, he dodged behind a tree, and then to his dismay found that the gun barrel was bent so as to be useless.

The next ten minutes were very lively ones. The cow chased the engineer round and round the tree, and when he got a chance to hit her with the gun barrel it only seemed to enrage her the more. It was only a question of time when he would succumb to fatigue, but a diversion occurred that saved his life. An angry snort was heard, and a big elk appeared upon the scene, head down and prepared for a fight. The cow was so mad by this time that she was ready for anything, and in another moment the two animals dashed at each other. The engineer watched the combat for a few minutes until prudence suggested that he should make a retreat while he could. He regained the train in safety and never knew the outcome of the battle, but the presumption is that the elk was the victor.—Exchange.

TWO FAMOUS POEMS.

PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEY WERE WRITTEN.

Old Captain John Duble and His Bundles of Faded and Time Worn Papers That Recalled Interesting Memories of the Long Time Ago.

Old John Duble, the doughty captain of the Ohio river gunboat Conestoga and the commodore of the fleet which helped repulse Bragg and Kirby Smith when they laid siege to Cincinnati, is suffering from the infirmities of his fourscore years at his home in this city. Though his sea legs have gone back on him to some extent, his mind remains clear and active. I called upon him the other evening and found him engaged in rummaging through several packages of timeworn and yellow papers, which he said were notes that he had kept for years before and since the war. Picking up a clipping upon which were some verses, he laid it in my lap with the remark, "Did you hear how that was written?"

I examined the clipping and saw that it contained the verses of General W. H. Lytle of Ohio, who, while fighting with the Army of the Cumberland, lost his life near Chickamauga. Who has not read "I Am Dying, Egypt, Dying?" "I'll tell you about that piece," continued Captain Duble. "I knew Lytle long before the war, when he was a young man studying law in Cincinnati. He was inclined to be a gay youth and spent too much time over the flowing bowl. One night he was taken to the Hammond Street station for safe keeping. As he sobered up he called for a pen and ink. Then and there he wrote that poem. It immortalized him.

"Years after Lytle became a Union general and participated in the battles of Tennessee. He was killed at Stone River. When the rebels examined the body and found the poem, which established his identity, they tenderly wrapped him in the Union flag, for which he had so bravely fought, and sent him across to the Federal camp, accompanied by a guard of honor. That was one of the prettiest things I ever knew the rebels to do, and our boys appreciated it too.

"Here's another story of how Buchanan Reed came to write that dashing poem, 'Sheridan's Ride,' with which every one is familiar. Reed was on my staff at the siege of Cincinnati. He had been living in that city, but he came originally from Pennsylvania, and was as much at home in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Rome, Dusseldorf, London or Paris as in the county of Chester, which gave him birth. He went to Cincinnati as a tailor's apprentice, then became a student of sculpture under Clevenger and carved angel faces upon freestone monuments. Abandoning sculpture he took up art and mental culture. When I knew him in 1862, he had been all over the world and had lived in all of the large cities. He had written quite a number of war poems.

"'Sheridan's Ride' was written the 1st of November, 1864. Murdoch, the actor, was to be given an ovation in Pike's Opera House. Murdoch was reading Harper's Weekly that morning, and upon the title page was the thrilling picture of Sheridan's ride to the front. A friend suggested that there was a poem in the picture, and asked if he could not have one written for the actor to recite at his ovation. Murdoch expressed his doubts at being able to memorize the piece in time. But the friend sought Reed, who enthused upon seeing the picture, and during the afternoon the poem was finished. Before the ink had dried on the paper Murdoch was committing the verses to memory. That night Murdoch inimitably interpreted that poem, and peal after peal of enthusiasm punctuated the last three glowing verses. Both Murdoch and Reed were called before the footlights to receive congratulations. Reed afterward gave me the manuscript of that poem. The author told me that he took nothing to his room save a pot of black tea, at which he sipped as he wrote. 'That poem, with its faults,' said he, 'came from no inspiration of the bottle. I would like to have corrected some of those faults, but Bayard Taylor advised me not to allow the least change or emendation, but to let it stand as written. It now stands as the muse gave it.'"—Washington Cor. Cincinnati Enquirer.

Rivers of Buttermilk.

There is more than one way of turning the tables on a person who indulges in the practice of "drawing a long bow." One of the most effectual methods was recently employed by a slow spoken Vermonter on an "accommodation" train.

Several persons were listening in open mouthed, wide eyed astonishment to the talk of a loquacious young man, whose stories increased in size and general incredibility as time went on. He was a resident of a town adjoining that in which the elderly Vermonter had spent all his days, but the old man watched the narrator in silence, though with none of the interest displayed by the other listeners.

At last the young man mentioned one of the citizens of his native town, and remarked incidentally that the man had an immense dairy, from which he sent out over a million pounds of butter and an equal quantity of cheese every year.

At this several of his hearers looked decidedly incredulous, and one of them, turning to the elderly man, said:

"You come from round his way, I b'lieve. Did you ever hear tell of that dairy?"

"Waal, no," drawled the person addressed, with a perfectly grave face. "I don't recall havin heerd of it till now, but I have heerd that there's a man over in that town that has ten sawmills that are worked an kep' a-goin by buttermilk, an I persume to say it's the same man, an if one story's true like as not the other may be."—Youth's Companion.

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The "solids" of the milk has been found by innumerable analyses to average about 13 per cent, and while the fat varies in milk from different cows the solids left after extracting the fat is found to be a very constant quantity, seldom falling below 10 per cent or over 14. This gives the chemist a positive basis for his calculations and enables him to state with great certainty whether or not the milk has been watered.

The fat or oil in milk is determined by dissolving it by means of ether, the residue remaining after such test being termed "solids other than fat." The average fat or oil found in milk from cows is 3 per cent, and any amount less than 3 per cent indicates almost to a certainty that the milk has been skimmed. If analysis shows a decrease of fat, it indicates that the milk has been watered, while if fats and other solids together are low you may infer that the skimmer has done its work.—St. Louis Republic.

Unkind.

Young Wife—I wonder why the birds don't come here any more. I used to throw them bits of the cake I made, and—

Young Husband—That accounts for it. —London Tit-Bits.

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BAGGING—			
2-lb Jute		@	5¼
Standard	7¼	@	6¼
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ lb	12½	@	14
Sides ℔ lb	7½	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ lb	6	@	6½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ lb	5¼	@	5½
Shoulders ℔ lb	5½	@	15
BARRELS— Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ lb	26	@	27
BRICKS—			
Wilmington, ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina, ℔ lb	15		
Northern	23	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks		@	45
Virginia Meal	50¼	@	45
COTTON TIES— ℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—℔ lb—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State	....	@	10
COFFEE—℔ lb—	27	@	28
Laguyra	20	@	23
Rio	15½	@	20
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard	6		6¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	12½
FISH			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 25	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	6 00	@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	5	@	10
" Extra	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice	2 75	@	3 00
Straight	3 75	@	3 85
First Patent		@	4 25
GLUE—℔ lb—	7½	@	10
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White	42½	@	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White	47½	@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	47½	@	42½
Oats, from store		@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas	50	@	60
HIDES, ℔ lb—			
Green	....	@	6
Dry	....	@	8
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—			
Eastern	....	@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ lb	2	@	2¼
LARD, ℔ lb—			
Northern	6½	@	9
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	....		1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-Edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds	..	@	22
" " " in bbls	....	@	23
Porto Rico, in hhds	25	@	27½
" " in bbls	25	@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" " in bbls	....	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	18	@	26
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	2 30
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 50	@	10 50
Rum		@	10 00
Prime		@	10 00
ROPE, ℔ lb	10	@	22
SALT ℔ sack Alum	....	@	75
Liverpool	....	@	65
Lisbon	....	@	
American		@	65
on 125 ℔ Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Common	2 00	@	2 50
Cypress Saps	4 50	@	5 00
Cypress Hearts	....	@	7 50
SUGAR, ℔ lb—Standard Granu'd	4⅞	@	5
Standard A		@	4¾
White Ex. C		@	4½
ExtraC, Golden	4	@	4¼
C, Yellow		@	3¾
SOAP, ℔ lb—Northern	3¼	@	....
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. Barrel	8 00	@	14
R. O. Hogshead	....	@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	00	@	9 00
Mill, Prime	00	@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary	3 00	@	3 00
TALLOW, ℔ lb	5	@	
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon— Northern	1 00	@	2
North Carolina	1 00	@	2
WOOL, ℔ lb—Washed	14	@	
Clear of burs	12½	@	
Burry		@	

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 27.

NAVAL STORES.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Steady at 27½ cents per gallon for country and 28 cents for machine-made casks.

ROSIN.—Market steady at $1 35 per bbl for Strained and $1 40 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market quiet at 90 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1 40 for Hard, $1 80 for Yellow Dip and Virgin. Sales at quotations.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 24¾c; rosin, strained, $0.95; good strained $1 00; tar $0.95; crude turpentine 1 10, 1 50, 1 60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	103
Rosin	340
Tar	100
Crude Turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year—27 casks spirits turpentine, 211 bbls rosin, 101 bbls tar, 13 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Steady. Quotations:

Ordinary	5⅝	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	6⅝	" "
Low Middling	7 5-16	" "
Middling	7¾	" "
Good Middling	8 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 5⅝c.

Receipts—470 bales; same day last year, 595.

COTTON AND NAVAL STORES.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For week ended Dec. 27, 1895.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
4,713	467	3,690	1,463	218

RECEIPTS.

For week ended Dec. 28, 1894.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
6,770	394	1,893	952	247

EXPORTS.

For week ended Dec. 27, 1895.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	1,533	887	215	2,006	218
Foreign	9,679	000	6,550	000	000
	11,212	887	6,765	2,006	218

EXPORTS.

For week ended Dec. 28, 1894.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	610	180	437	900	179
Foreign	13,462	000	000	000	000
	14,072	180	437	900	179

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat, Dec. 27, 1895.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	21,629	113	21,742
Spirits	4,544	00	4,544
Rosin	22,806	100	22,906
Tar	10,317	300	10,617
Crude	469	00	469

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat, Dec. 28, 1894.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
20,257	2,043	26,843	3,322	967

QUOTATIONS.

	Dec. 27, 1895.	Dec. 28, 1894.
Cotton	7¾c	5 3-16
Spirits	27½	24½
Rosin	1 35@1 40	$0 95@1.00
Tar	90c	95c
Crude	$1 40@1 80	$1 10, 1 50@1 70

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Evening—Money on call was easy at 5@7 per cent, with the last loan at 5 and closing offered at 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper was quoted at 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange was weaker; actual business in bankers' bills 487¾@488 for sixty days and 489@489¼ for demand. Commercial bills 486¾@487½. Government bonds were steady; United States coupon fours 110; United States twos 96. State bonds firm; North Carolina fours 105¾ asked; North Carolina sixes 120. Railroad bonds were lower.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day was quiet.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 27—Evening Cotton quiet; middling gulf 8⅛c; middling 8⅛c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; December 7 78, January 7 79, February 7 87; March 7 94, April 7 99, May 8 04, June 8 08, July 8 10, August 8 13, September 7 91, October 7 78, November 7 70. Sales —— bales.

Cotton—net receipts 80 bales; gross 5,613 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,512 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 1,350 bales; forwarded 1,112 bales; sales — bales, sales to spinners 439 bales; stock (actual) 198.195 bales.

Weekly—Net receipts 5,897 bales; gross 33,220 bales; exports to Great Britain 3,445 bales; to France 550 bales; to the Continent 3,621 bales; forwarded 11,481 bales; sales 4,202 bales; sales to spinners 862 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 49,730 bales; exports to Great Britain 9,202 bales; to France — bales; to the Continent 9,512 bales; stock 1,094,684 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 220,616 bales; exports to Great Britain 38,728 bales; to France 6,800 bales; to the Continent 74,204 bales

Total since September 1—Net receipts 3,330,908 bales; exports to Great Britain 947,309 bales; exports to France 269,186 bales; exports to the Continent 814,523 bales.

NEW YORK, December 27—Flour was dull and easy at at quotations, winter wheat, low grades $2 25@2 65; fair to fancy $2 65@3 30, patents $3 45@3 75 Minnesota clear $2 50@3 10; patents $3 15@4 00; low extra $2 25@2 65; city mills ——; do patents ——; Southern flour was dull and easy, common to extra fair $2 10 @2 80; good to choice $3 90@3 00. Wheat—spot fairly active; spring firmer; No 2 red in store and at elevator 68c; afloat 69½c; options opened weak at ⅛c decline, rallied ¼@⅜c and closed at ⅛ @⅜c over yesterday; No. 2 red January 64⅝c; February 65½c; March 66⅝c; May 65c; July 64⅝c; December 64½c. Corn—spot firm and quiet; No. 2 at elevator 34c; afloat 35c; options were dull but firm and unchanged. Oats—spot dull but steady; options dull and easier; No 2 December 23½c; January —c; May 23¾ spot prices—No. 2 23½c; No 2 white 24½c; mixed Western 23½@24½. Hay quiet and easy; spring 70@75c; good to choice 90@95. Wool quiet and firm; domestic fleece 16@22c; pulled 15@34; Texas 9@13. Beef quiet; family 10 00@10 50, extra mess $7 50@8 50; beef hams dull at $15 00@15 50; tierced beef was steady; city extra India mess $16 50@17 00; cut meats quiet and weak; pickled bellies 4¾c; shoulders 4¼c; hams 8@8¼c; middles nominal. Lard quiet; Continent $6 00; South America $6 30; compound $4 62½@5 00. Pork steady and quiet; old mess $8 75@9 25. Butter—choice moderately active and steady; prices unchanged. Cotton seed oil dull; crude 24½; new yellow prime 28; do off grade 27. Rice was firm and moderately active; domestic, fair to extra 3@5¾; Japan 3¾@4c. Molasses firm; New Orleans, open kettle good to choice 28@36c. Peanuts quiet; fancy hand-picked 4½@4⅝c. Coffee quiet and unchanged to 10 points up; December $13 80; January $13 55; February $13 40@13 45 March $13 40@13 50; May $13 95@13 05; June $12 60; September $12 05@12 10; spot Rio dull, steady; No 7 $14 50. Sugar—raw dull, firm; fair refining 3⅛@3¼c; refined sugar was fairly active and firm; off 4 5 16@4¼c; standard A 4¾; cut loaf 5⅜c; crushed 5⅜c; granulated 4¾@4⅞c. Freights to Liverpool firm; room scarce; cotton by steam ⅛d; grain by steam 3½d asked.

CHICAGO, December 27.—Cash quotations: Flour quiet, unchanged. Wheat, No 2 spring 54½@55½; No 2 red 57½@60½. Corn —No. 2 25½c. Oats—No 2 17c. Mess pork, per bbl $7 62½@7 75. Lard, per 100 lbs. $5 27½@5 30. Short rib sides, loose per 100 lbs $4 20@4 25. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, per 100 lbs $4 37½@4 62½. Short clear sides, boxed, per 100 lbs. $4 37½@4 50. Whiskey per gallon $1 22.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing. Wheat—No. 2 December 54, 54¼, 53⅞, 54⅛c; January 54¼, 54¾, 54, 54⅝c; May 57@57¼, 57¾, 57, 57⅝c. Corn—December 25⅜, 25¼, 25⅜, 25¼; January 25¼, 25⅜, 25¼, 25⅜; May 27¾, 27⅞ @28, 27¾, 27⅞c; July 28⅜, 28¾, 28⅜, 28⅜c. Oats—No. 2 December 17, 17, 17, 17; May 18⅝@18⅞, 18⅞@18⅞, 18⅝ @18⅝, 18⅝@18⅞. Mess pork, per bbl, December $7 60, 7 60, 7 60, 7 60; January $8 55, 8 55, 8 45, 8 45; May $8 87½, 8 89½, 8 80, 8 82½. Lard, per 100 lbs, December $5 17½, 5 17½, 5 17½, 5 17½; January $5 27½, 5 30, 5 25, 5 25; May $5 50, 5 52½, 5 47½, 5 47½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs. December $4 22½, 4 22½, 4 22½, 4 22½; January $4 22½, 4 25, 4 22½, 4 22½; May $4 47½, 4 50, 4 45, 4 47½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat dull; No. 2 red, spot and December 64¼@64⅜c; May 67@67½c; Steamer No. 2 red 61½@62c; Southern by sample 62@65c; do on grade 61½@64½c. Corn steady; mixed spot 32⅜@32½c; January 32½@32⅝c; February 32¾@33c; March 33@33¼c; Steamer mixed 31⅜@31½c; Southern white 31⅜@32½c; do yellow 31⅝c. Oats quiet and firm; No. 2 white Western 24@24½c; No. 2 mixed do 22½ @23c.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

Dec. 27.—Galveston, not received, net receipts — bales; Norfolk, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 1,881 bales; Baltimore, dull at 8⅛c, net receipts 1,865 bales; Boston, dull at 8¼, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, steady at 7¾, net receipts 470 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8⅛c, net receipts 547 bales; Savannah, easy at 7 11-16c, net receipts 5,591 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 7⅝c, net receipts 18,148 bales; Mobile, quiet at 7⅝c, net receipts 874 bales; Memphis, easy at 7 13-16c, net receipts 1,766 bales; Augusta, quiet at 7¾c, net receipts 1,080 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7⅝c, net receipts 1,196 bales.

MARINE.

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Steamer D Murchison, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

CLEARED.

Schr Thomas Clyde, Calhoun, New York, Geo Harriss, Son & Co; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Co.

Steamer D Murchison, Robeson, Fayetteville, James Madden.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Schr Thos Clyde—237,920 feet lumber.

NEW YORK—Str Oneida—223 bales cotton, 232 casks spirits turpentine, 160 bbls rosin, 1,254 do tar, 107 do crude turpentine, 75 do pitch, 124,700 shingles, 600 bags mill feed, 85 pkgs mdse.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28, 1895.

STEAMSHIPS.

Royalist, 2,024 tons, Pritchard, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Ocean Traveller (Dan) 112 tons, Johnson, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Henry Crosby, 246 tons, Stubbs, Jas T Riley & Co.

Mary B Judge, 449 tons, Morris, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Melrose (Br), 186 tons, Albury, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Max, 143 tons, Matson, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling (Br), 111 tons, Roberts, Cronly & Morriss.

Aldine, 240 tons, Lambert, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Bertha H (Br), 124 tons, LeCain, J T Riley & Co.

John C Gregory 360 tons, Andressen Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

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Emma Bauer (Ger), 536 tons, Niemann, Heide & Co.

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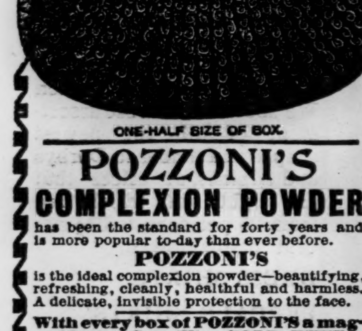

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And tan the faded cheek a ruddy brown.

Here Euphorbia cyparissias* waves a welcome unto all,
Ampelopsis quinquefolia spreads its mantle o'er the wall,
While from Salix babylonica
And Cydonia japonica
With cheerful chirp the wrens and robins call.

Leonurus and Linaria lead our steps along the lane
Where Lilium and Trillium and Uvularia reign.
And Asclepias cornuti—
Good for "greens" if not for beauty,
Like Utrica, though its touch entaileth pain.

Chrysanthemum leucanthemum the grassy fields adorn,
The fragrance of Trifolium on every breeze is borne
And the tall Vebascum thapsus†
In very rapture wraps us,
As its kingly candle kindles in the morn.

In the woods the Anemone meorosa you will find,
Mitchella, Tiarella and the lithe Celastrus twined,
And Monotropa hypopitys—
A very spooky crop it is—
That may scare the superstitiously inclined.

There are many more that flourish on this fair and fertile farm;
I should greatly like to name them all, and catalogue each charm—
The curious Cruciferæ, umbrellared Umbelliferæ
The laughing Labiatæ, the glorious Aggregatæ,
Rosaceæ, Malvaceæ—but do not take alarm,
For I'm only just a botanist, and I really mean no harm.

—F. L. Sargent in Youth's Companion.

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HIS FAILURE.

I should never have known that he was a failure if he had not told me so himself. Most assuredly he had not the air of one. For his coats were always fashionably cut, and his taste in liqueurs was almost as delicate as my own, and he could afford to gratify it far more frequently.

Such was the testimony of appearance, and so far as I knew his history it pointed to the same conclusion. He had been, I understood, a writer, like myself, though even less successful, and then "fortunate speculations" had enabled him to retire from a calling which he found more honorable than remunerative and spend his afternoons in playing billiards at the club.

And yet Everard Deane esteemed himself a failure. He told me so emphatically one evening at the hour when truth "peeps over the glass's edge when dinner's done."

"It was all that confounded Stock Exchange," he murmured, gazing gloomily into a glass of green chartreuse.

I begged him to accept my cordial congratulations. "It's a better way to fail than most," I said. "For I had known so many who failed upon the Stock Exchange and lived happily—drinking champagne and driving about in broughams—ever afterward.

But Everard Deane protested.

"I don't mean what you mean," he said. "I didn't lose money on the Stock Exchange. I made it—lots of it. That is the mischief of it. That is precisely why I am a failure."

He looked gloomier than ever as he spoke and ordered a second green chartreuse.

Jerking his head so as to indicate a man at the farther end of the room—a well dressed man, excessively bejeweled—with whom, half an hour since, he had cordially shaken hands, he whispered:

"That is the man who has been my evil genius. You know him?"

"I think so. It's Morrison Parker, the great financier, isn't it?"

"It is, and Morrison Parker, the great financier, has been my evil genius. It's a foolish story, but I sometimes like to tell it after dinner. A brandy and soda?"

I accepted, and when the waiter had brought the glasses Everard Deane resumed:

"I was an author, you know—a young author—with great aims and high ambitions. I made enough money to live upon by writing for the papers, but I looked upon literature, not as a trade, but as an art. I was a member of the Waste Paper club, where all of us professed to take the same artistic views of life and letters and sat up till the small hours discussing them through a haze of tobacco smoke and steaming grog. I was very happy there until the day came when Morrison Parker joined the club. He owned a newspaper—The Stock Exchange Recorder, I think he called it—and therefore he was technically qualified. But when he came and sat up with us in the small hours he did not talk literature. He talked finance."

"Yet the two subjects may occasionally have relations with each other," I suggested.

"Precisely. That is the point that Morrison Parker used to insist upon, especially when he had had a good day and made us drink champagne with him to celebrate his luck. 'Why do so many half educated city men profess to look down on authors?' he would ask. And then he would answer his own question. 'Because there isn't one author in 500 who knows how to make £1,000 a year. That has always been the great reproach of letters, from Dr. Johnson's time to ours. It's high time to put an end to that reproach. Why don't you fellows do it?'"

I sighed, wishing that I knew how to put an end to it myself, and then I asked:

"And did your friend descend from the general to the particular and tell you how it could be done?"

"He did. He told us all to open a speculative account in Louisvilles."

"Louisvilles? That is the name of an American railroad, I believe?"

"It is. And opening a speculative account means buying the shares without being able to pay for them, selling them at a profit and putting the difference in your pocket. Simple, isn't it?"

"Very simple," I said. "The merest child's play, provided that the shares go up."

"Oh, they went up all right, and so did the others that I bought afterward. I've never lost a shilling through following Morrison Parker's tips. I can't complain of that."

"And yet you call the man your evil genius?"

"Yes. I still call the man my evil genius because I lost my soul through him—my soul as an artist, that was so much to me."

I started. I could not understand. But, with an impetuous impatience, Everard Deane hastened to make clear his meaning.

"You call yourself an artist, and you do not understand? Do you imagine that an artist can meddle with these sordid actualities and not find his soul defiled by them? Do you suppose that he will sit down quietly to toil for doubtful gains indefinitely deferred, when he knows that a sudden turn of the market may put hundreds in his pocket? No, no, my friend, it is not possible. What does he do? Why, he buys every edition of the evening paper to see the prices. He runs into his club to watch the tape. He drives up to the city in working hours to ask his broker whether he ought not to sell. That is how it was in my case. That is how it must be in every case. My balance at the bank was growing, but while it grew my soul—my artist's soul, in which I gloried so—was dying, crushed out of its bright existence by the dead weight of material cares. And so things went until I stood, as it were, at the parting of the ways and swore that I would make my choice."

"Your choice?"

"My choice between the artistic and the material life. I meant to make it dramatically too. There was still enough of the artist left in me for that. It was at midnight, in my chambers in the Temple. I took the manuscript of my half finished novel—the novel that was to make me famous—from the desk and placed it on the table. Beside it I laid a heap of share certificates, and transfer forms and contract notes. Between the two piles there stood a lighted candle. One of them was to be burned to ashes in its flame—one of them, and at this solemn hour I was to determine which, and, by determining, decide the whole course of my future life."

He paused. I had to press him before he would proceed.

"And then you burned"—

"Neither," was his unexpected answer. "Neither, for I could not decide. My novel went back into the drawer it came from, to wait there till the old joy in the higher life came back to me. And that joy never came. Even to this hour it has not come. I look back to the old days. I long for them. But I know quite well that they will not return to me. The greed for gain, its ceaseless worries and anxieties, has killed my soul, and that is why I tell you that I am a failure."

There was a melancholy, at once incredible and convincing, in his accents. Unless there were a woman in the case, I would not have believed it possible for a man so well to do to look so miserable. I sought to say something that might lift him out of his despondency.

"Failure or no failure, at least you can go to Monte Carlo in the winter," I suggested.

"I know. I'm going next week with Morrison Parker," Everard Deane replied.

And then he shook his head slowly and shrugged his shoulders gloomily, as though to say that the joy of sojourning on the Riviera while we were toiling in the fogs was nothing to the price that he had had to pay for it.

And as I drove home that night to Whitcomb street I tried to persuade myself that he was right.—Francis Gribbe in New Budget.

Freckles.

Women who have suffered year after year from these annoying blemishes, freckles—who have seen them come under the rays of the summer sun and disappear when the yearly reign of King Sol is over—are illogical enough to consider the glowing monarch accountable for our annual crop of freckles. All sorts of reasons have been given for these annoying pigmentary discolorations. One well known dermatologist declares they are the result of too much iron in the blood, and that the sun's rays bring the iron stained spots to the surface, just as they do to a bit of cloth which has come in contact with iron and then is put in the sunlight. In other words, that freckles are iron rust.

Professor Hebra of Vienna, who is accounted the greatest authority of his century, insists, on the contrary, that the sun does not produce freckles. He says: "It is a fact that lentigo (freckles) neither appears in the newly born nor in children under the age of 6 or 8 years, whether they run about the whole day in the open air and exposure to the bronzing influence of the sun or whether they remain confined in the darkest room. It is therefore true that neither light nor air nor warmth produces such spots in children."

The Curious Fossils.

Some time ago, in company with a friend, I was searching for fossils among the debris of an abandoned limestone quarry. The owner, hearing us chipping and pounding among the rocks, approached us and inquired what we were looking for. On being answered "fossils," he said: "Fossils? What's them for—to ketch fish with?" I do not remember what answer he received, but it is more than probable that some of the fossils would have made excellent bait—say some of the smaller trilobites—could they only have been used in time, but, unfortunately, we were a few thousand decades late.

Another time, while wandering over the rugged Devonian slopes of the Helderberg mountains, we came across a native who gravely informed us that the curious, crooked fossil shells (zaphrentis) there abounding were petrified heifers' horns.—Archæologist.

VEAL PIE ALL AROUND.

An American's Tribute to the Memory of Charles Dickens.

There is a pie shop in London that Charles Dickens used to stand before when as a child he drudged in a blacking factory. Every day, on his way to and from work, he paused to devour viands with his eyes, and sometimes, as he said, he pressed his tongue to the window panes, as if by doing that he got a little bit of a taste of the good things that lay so near, yet were so far beyond his reach.

An American who admires Dickens hunted up this pie shop when he was in London in order to gratify sentiment and curiosity. It proved to be a mere box of a place, in a poor quarter of the city, but the original business was still conducted there. As the traveler peered into the shadowy interior a voice piped at his elbow:

"Please, sir, will you buy me a weal pie?"

The owner of the voice was a small, disheveled person, with whom a veal pie or any other kind would have agreed right well. The American replied:

"How many boys do you suppose that shop would hold?"

"I dunno. About 15 or 16, I should think."

"Well, you go and get 15 more boys and bring them back here."

The boy studied the man's face for a moment, as if to make sure he was in the enjoyment of his senses, then hurled himself into a side street with a yell. Hardly a minute elapsed before he returned, the head of a procession of 16 gamins, assorted as to size and clothing, unanimous in appetite and hope. This ragged battalion assembled close behind the benefactor and followed him precipitately into the shop when he announced that he was going to give them all the pie they wanted.

For a quarter of an hour the astonished baker served "weal an 'am" pies, hand over hand, to the 16 astonished youths of London, while the American sat and watched the scene with hardly less astonishment. Few words were spoken, and the onslaught was as fierce and persistent while it lasted as the charge at Tel-el-Kebir. The exhaustion of supplies brought the banquet to an end, and the traveler paid the score, thinking it little to pay in view of the fun he had had, while the boys tumbled into the street cheering, and went to spread the news of this miracle through the lanes of London.—Philadelphia Times.

A Warning.

An electrical expert says: "I have a word of advice to give people who carry steel rod umbrellas wet days. They must keep a sharp lookout for arc lights while pushing their steel rods through the air. Of course this only applies when the current is on, and when it is, if the umbrella rod comes in contact with the lamp, there is a strong probability that the holder will be very badly shocked, if not seriously injured."—New York Tribune.

German mineralogists have discovered that some of the gold mines worked by the ancient Romans in central Portugal will yield a handsome profit still if worked by modern methods.

Next to rice, wheat is eaten by the greatest number of human beings, and then comes maize.

NEW MAR LODGE.

The Beautiful Home of the Fifes on the River Dee.

Mar Lodge—or New Mar Lodge, to give it its proper title—was situated on the south bank of the Dee, about three miles above Castletown, Aberdeenshire. Originally it was a small stone house known as Corriemulzie cottage, with garrets for bedrooms, and was used by members of the Fife family as a shooting box. When the present duke came into the property in 1879, Old Mar Lodge was then let, and so he had to content himself with the smaller of the two places. To procure the necessary accommodation he had to make additions, and these additions have gone on until Mar Lodge became almost in itself a small village. A drawing room was added on the west; then extra bedrooms, with a fine billiard room, grew up, also on the west. These last were thrown back a little, leaving an open space for carriages to arrive in front of the principal entrance. A small chapel was built behind and above the lodge. On the same level a ballroom was put up. This was constructed of wood and was very handsome on the inside, being decorated with a large number of stags' heads. The entrance hall and dining room were also reconstructed.

The grounds around the lodge are very beautiful. The hill behind slopes down to the Dee and is covered with pine, birch and mountain ash. Peeps up and down the valley may be had, with the granite mountains often hidden or partially so in mist. The fall of Corriemulzie, although open to the public, may be said to be within the grounds of the house. It is a very charming cascade, which splits in two streams and falls a considerable depth into a deep glen, where the steep gray rock is covered with a luxuriant foliage and a wealth of wild flowers.

About a quarter of a mile higher up the Dee valley above New Mar Lodge is the Victoria bridge, a wooden structure, with an iron arch over the roadway at the southern end, on which is the word "Victoria" on one side and "1848" on the other, that being the year in which the bridge was built.

After crossing the bridge there is a wide park or "strath," and close under the pine covered hill on the north side is the picturesque group of ruins known as Old Mar Lodge. When this house was erected no one seems to know, but it may be assumed to be about a century old. It is here every year that the Braemar gathering is held. All the men on the Fife estates, attired in their clan tartan, then turn out to take part in the highland games. The duke is always present clad in the kilt and usually entertains in princely style the royal and other leading visitors.

The Fifes are not shelterless. Among other residences besides their own house at 15 Portman square, west, London, they may choose between Duff House, Balvenie castle and Auchintoul, in Banffshire; Inness House, Moray; Coriston, Forfarshire; Delgoty castle, Skene, Aberdeenshire, and Sheen lodge, County Surrey.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

THE DONKEY.

A Tearful Plea For the Downtrodden but Obstinate Animal.

Civilization has used the poor ass badly. Our ways are not his ways, and he not infrequently reminds us of the fact. When he does express dissent, he shows himself an uncompromising bigot. Yet let us consider for a moment why he is "such an ass." He has been taken from a bold and free life in the uplands, where the very air tastes of independence, and has been degraded to the very lowest kinds of drudgery. Nonconformist as he is, he is more of a Tory than the horse. He cannot fit himself to changed circumstances. He is like the free Caribs, whom the Spaniards tried to reduce to slavery. The condition is so foreign to his nature that he cannot fall in with it without losing all the nobler traits of his old self. It crushes him. He is proverbially patient, but his patience has in it something of the dullness of despair. Yet obstinate and rebellious as he occasionally is, he cannot be considered a fool. If he appears to be one, it is because we have removed him so far out of his natural sphere. If any of us were taken from our civilized surroundings and were turned loose to get a living among the desolate rocks of Abyssinia, we should doubtless offer as fair a laughing stock to the wild asses and baboons.

Now, where does the donkey get his obstinacy from? It is a useful quality in the right place. On a long journey, with short allowance of food and water, a mule will keep going longer than a horse. It seems to me likely that the great difference in character between the horse and the ass is partly owing to the fact that when wild the former go in large herds and the latter in small. The horse is much more of a society animal than the donkey, and so his manners are more suave. He, like all those who have to mix freely with their fellows, has acquired an accommodating disposition. Let me make haste to say that a donkey is distinctly a more intelligent animal than a horse. It is his unwillingness to fall in with the wishes of those who would influence him and his stubbornness in sticking to his own views to which I am alluding. In his mountain home, where pasture is scarce, only a few wild asses, as a rule, go together. Should a foe suddenly appear when they are scattered in search of the scanty herbage each must decide on a course for himself, for it would not always be possible to follow a leader. Hence self reliance and a disposition to act independently would be valuable in the struggle for existence.—North American Review.

How She Marked Her Wheel.

This is the way a bicycle girl marked her wheel so that her name cannot be rubbed out or removed in case her bicycle should be stolen: "I scraped away the enamel and left a perfectly clean, smooth surface. Then I painted my name on it with ordinary paint and allowed it to dry. Next I touched the surface with nitric acid, which ate into the exposed places, but left the steel under the paint in its original condition. I removed the paint from the letters with turpentine, and you can see what a success it has been. Remember, though, to polish the steel before you do the lettering and varnish the letters to protect them from the weather."—Chicago Post.

Criticism on Adelina Patti's Debut.

A writer in the London Morning has unearthed a curious piece of musical criticism from The Athenæum of 1861. The writer—it was no doubt H. F. Chorley—says of Adelina Patti's debut that her voice was "developed to the utmost if not already fatigued," and that "a blind man might imagine himself to be listening to a singer past her prime."

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Cash on hand ... 50,081 69	196,639 23
Total	$797,818 63

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In Effect Sunday, Oct. 27, 1895

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NORTH BOUND 8	STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND 7
P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M
3 00	Lv.. Mulberry street ..Ar	12 40
3 58	Lv..Jacksonville......Lv	10 42
4 30	Lv..Maysville.......Lv	10 09
4 44	Lv..Pollocksville.......Lv	9 55
5 2)	Ar..Newbern..........Lv	9 20
P M		A M

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

SCHEDULE IN EFFECT NOV. 17, 1895.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.20 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.47 a m, Warsaw 11.01 a m, Goldsboro 11.56 a m, Wilson 12.40 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.36 p m, Weldon 3.32 p m, Petersburg 5.29 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, Boston 3.30 p m.

DAILY 7.00 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 p m, Warsaw 8.43 p m, Goldsboro 9.36 p m, Wilson 10.23 p m, †Tarboro 6.58 a m, Rocky Mount 11.05 a m, Weldon 1.01 a m, †Norfolk 10.25 a m, Petersburg 2.37 a m, Richmond 3.40 a m, Washington 7.00 a m, Baltimore 8.23 a m, Philadelphia 10.46 a m, New York 1.23 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.30 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.45 p m, Chadbourn 5.19 p m, Marion 6.29 p m, Florence 7.10 p m, Sumter 8.48 p m, Columbia 10.10 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 11.13 p m, Savannah 1.19 a m, Jacksonville 7.55 a m, St. Augustine 10.15 a m, Tampa 6.00 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston 1.00 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadeldhia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.55 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.00 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.53 a m, Tarboro 12.30 p m, Rocky Mount 1.05 p m, Wilson 2.10 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.02 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 10.00 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.03 p m, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 a m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.10 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 5.58 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 p m, leave Wilson 6.20 a m, Goldsboro 7.05 a m, Warsaw 8.02 a m, Magnolia 8.15 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 11 50 a m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.20 a m, Sanford 1.00 p m, Jacksonville 6.20 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 4.12 a m, Columbia 5.20 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.17 p m, Sumter 6.48 a m., Florence 8.25 a m, Marion 9.06 a m, Chadbourn 10.10 a m, Lake Waccamaw 10.39 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 p m, Halifax 4.13 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.05 p m, Greenville 6.47 p m, Kinston 7 45 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 7.00 a. m., arrive Parmele 8.40 a. m., Tarboro 10, a m returning leaves Tarboro 4 30 p m; Parmele 6.20 p. m. arrives Washington 7.45 p. m. Daily except Sunday. Connects at Parmele with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, at 4.50 p m; Sunday 3.00 p m.; arrive Plymouth 9 00 p m, 5 25 p m. Returning, leave Plymouth daily except Sunday 6.00 a m, Sunday 9 30 a m; Arrive Tarboro 10 25 a m and 11 55 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 6 05 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 7.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield, N. C.; 8 00 a m; arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 9 30 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 8.05 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Train on South and North Carolina Railroad leave Elliott 11 20 a m and 7 15 p m. Lucknow 1 00 p m, and 8 15 p m; returning leave Lucknow 6 30 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Elliott 8 00 a m and 3 30 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 8 40 a m, arrive Latta 9.01 a m, Dillon 9 12 a m, Rowland 9 31 a m., returning leaves Rowland 6 03 p m, arrives Dillon 6.21 p m, Latta 6.34 p m, Pee Dee 6.57 p m, daily. Latta Branch trains leave Latta 6 40 p m, arrive Clio 8 05 p m, returning leave Clio 6 10 a m, arrive Latta 7 50 a m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Conway Railroad, leave Hub at 8.15 a m, Chadbourn 10.20 a m, arrive Conway 12.35 p m, leave Conway 2 30 p m, Chadbourn 5.35 p m, arrive Hub 6.20 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8.15 a m, 8.45 a m, *8.50 a m, 7 35 p m, arrive Darlington 8.55 a m, 9.20 a m, *9.20 a m, 8 p m, Hartsville *10 a m and 8.50 p m, Bennettsville 8 54 p m, Gibson 9 20 p m, Cheraw, S. C., 11.15 a m, Wadesboro 1.10 p m. Returning leave Wadesboro 3.00 p m, Cheraw 3.45 p m, Gibson 5 47 a m, Bennettsville 6 18 a m, Hartsville 6.30 a m, *6 45 a m. Darlington 7.20 a m, †7 30 p m, 4.30 p m., 6.05 p m, arrive Florence 7.55 a m, †7 55 a m, 5 p m, 6 45 p m. †Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 5.50 p m, Manning 6.31 p m, arrive Lane's 7 p m, leave Lanes 8.38 a m, Manning 9.15 a m, arrive Sumter 9.44 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.18 p m, arrive Selma 2.53 p m, Smithfield 3.03 p m, Dunn 3.44 p m, Fayetteville 4.30 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 6.03 p m, returning leave Rowland 9.31 a m, Fayetteville 10.55 a m, 9.40 p m, Dunn 11.44 a m, Smithfield 12.25 p m, Selma 12.32 p m, arrive Wilson 1.20 p m, 11.25 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Darlington †7 25 a m, arrives Sumter †8 55 a m. Leave Sumter †10 a m, arrives Pregnalls †5 40 p m. Leaves Sumter 4 33 a m, arrives Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leaves Denmark 4 17 p m, arrive Sumter 6 05 p m. Leaves Pregnalls †8 50 a m, arrives Sumter †3 05 p m. Leaves Sumter †6 25 p m, arrives Darlington †7 55 p m. †Daily except Sunday.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT DEC. 8, 1895.

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 1.	MAIN LINE.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 2.
7 55 p. m.	Ar....Wilmington....Lve	7 25 a. m
4 45 "	Lv....Fayetteville....Ar	10 35 a m
4 33 "	Ar....Fayetteville....Lv	10 55 "
4 30 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	10 57 "
3 19 "	Lv....Sanford....Lv	12 19 p. m
1 22 a m	Lv....Climax....Lv	2 25 "
1 03 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	2 56 "
12 58 "	Ar....Greensboro....Lv	3 06 "
12 12 a m	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	3 59 "
11 45 "	Lv....Walnut Cove....Ar	4 31 "
11 35 "	Ar....Walnut Cove....Lv	4 38 "
11 05 "	Lv....Rural Hall....Lv	5 11 "
9 35 "	Lv....Mt Airy....Ar	6 45 "

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 20 p m	Ar....Bennettsville....Lv	8 25 a. m.
6 12 "	Lv....Maxton....Ar	9 23 "
5 42 "	Lv....Red Springs....Lv	9 55 "
4 58 "	Lv....Hope Mills....Lv	10 35 "
4 38 "	Lv....Fayetteville....Ar	10 52

SOUTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 15. MIXED.	Factory and Madison Branches.	NORTH BOUND Daily except Sunday. No. 16. MIXED.
5 50 p m	Ar....Ramseur....Lv	6 45 a.
3 55 "	Lv....Climax....Lv	8 35 "
3 10 "	Lv....Greensboro....Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 15 MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a. m
Leave Stokesdale	10 50 "
Arrive Madison	11 50 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Madison	12 25 p "
Leave Stokesdale	1 28 "
Arrive Greensboro	2 25 "

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At Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points North and East, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western R. R. for Winston Salem.

SOUTH-BOUND CONNECTIONS

At Walnut Cove with the Norfolk & Western Railroad for Roanoke and points North and West, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company for Raleigh, Richmond and all points North and East, at Fayetteville with the Atlantic Coast Line for all points South, at Maxton with the Seaboard Air Line for Charlotte, Atlanta and all points South and Southwest

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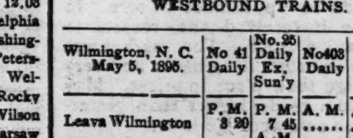

CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

WESTBOUND TRAINS.

Wilmington, N. C. May 5, 1895.	No 41 Daily	No. 25 Daily Ex. Sun'y	No 403 Daily
	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Leave Wilmington	3 20	7 45	
		A. M.	
Leave Maxton	6 18	12 45	
Arrive Hamlet	7 00	2 05	
Leave Hamlet	7 05	2 50	7 54
Leave Wadesboro	7 55	4 40	8 08
Arrive Monroe	8 55	5 50	8 49
Leave Monroe	9 20	6 30	9 55
Arrive Charlotte	10 10	7 45	10 42
Leave Charlotte			10 48
Leave Lincolnton			12 05
			P. M.
Leave Shelby			1 50
Arr Rutherfordton			2 30

EASTBOUND TRAINS.

	No. 38 Daily	No. 26 Daily Ex. Sun'y	No 402 Daily
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Lve Rutherfordton			4 25
Leave Shelby			5 58
Leave Lincolnton			6 55
Arrive Charlotte			8 20
Leave Charlotte	5 20	8 50	8 20
Arrive Monroe	6 00	10 45	9 10
Leave Monroe	6 20	11 05	9 15
Leave Wadesboro	7 18	12 43	9 54
		A. M.	
Arrive Hamlet	8 08	2 05	10 34
Leave Hamlet	8 45	2 30	
Leave Maxton	9 28	3 30	
	P. M.		
Arrive Wilmington	12 30	8 05	

Schedule Between Wilmington and Raleigh.

Leave Wilmington	3.20 p m	7.45 p m
Arrive Raleigh	1.26 a m	11.35 a m
Leave Raleigh	5.26 a m	3.30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12.30 p m	8.05 a m

Schedule between Wilmington and Atlanta.

Leave Wilmington	3.20 p m	7.45 p m
Arrive Atlanta	5 20 a m	4 09 p m
Leave Atlanta	8.45 p m	1.00 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12.30 p m	8.05 a m

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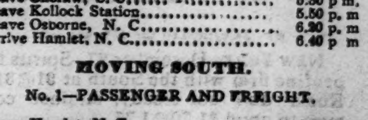

To Take Effect on Dec. 2, 1895

MOVING NORTH.

No. 2—PASSENGER AND FREIGHT.

Leave Cheraw, S. C.	5.30 p. m.
Leave Kollock Station	5.50 p. m
Leave Osborne, N. C.	6.20 p. m
Arrive Hamlet, N. C.	6.40 p m

MOVING SOUTH.

No. 1—PASSENGER AND FREIGHT.

Leave Hamlet, N. C.	8.40 a m
Arrive Osborne, N. C.	9.00 a m
Leave Kollock Station	9.30 a m
Arrive Cheraw, S.C.	9.50 a m

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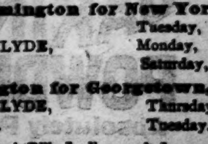

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 28, 1895

SPOTS AND FUTURES

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market—Total Net Receipts at the Ports.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—The following are the total net receipts at the ports since September 1st, 1895, viz: Galveston 659,544; New Orleans, 1,127,801; Mobile, 134 805; Savannah, 508,567; Charleston, 207,421; Wilmington. 134,069; Norfolk, 181,293; Baltimore, 22,980; New York, 51,368; Boston, 51,297; Newport News, 5,207; Philadelphia, 23,504; West Point, 118 953; Brunswick, 43,687; Texas City, 30.700; Port Royal, 36,798; Pensacola, 6,915. Total, 3,330,908.

The *Sun* says: Cotton declined eight to nine points, then recovered this and advanced one to two points, closing steady, with sales of 274,600 bales. The port receipts to-day were 49.870 bales, against 48 770 last week. Spot cotton here was quiet and unchanged.

To-day's features: The bears thought they had two strong cards to play—big receipts and a big issue of notices—but in the end it was found that the bulls held trumps and the bears a very modest hand after all, for the receipts at the interior towns were much less than had been expected and as for the January notices, although they amounted to about 20,000 bales, about 10.000 were stopped and the rest were stopped by the people who issued them, Greeks, Germans and Inman, Swan & Co. Some took January and sold March. The upshot of the whole matter was that the market, after declining for a time, turned around and advanced and closed with a small net improvement for the day. The bears have been relying on chances of calamity lately and have oversold themselves so that the market does not require much of a jog to move it upward. The friends of cotton still maintain that the crop is considerably less than 7,000,000 bales and that any increase in the movement next week or next month will be merely temporary, and that if the bears rely upon it as something permanent they will be led as by a will-of-the-wisp into a bog.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

May Wheat Advanced—Corn and Oats Closed a Shade Higher—Lard and Ribs Lower.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 27,—May wheat opened from 57c to 57¼c, advanced to 57¾c, closing at 57⅝c—¼c higher than yesterday. Cash wheat was steady.

May corn opened at 27¾c, advanced to 27⅞@28c, closing at 27⅞c—a shade higher than yesterday. Cash corn was ¼c lower.

Oats—At infrequent intervals a strong order made its appearance in oats. In each case it received the respect to which it was entitled. The market was of the dullest sort imaginable and very little change took place in prices. May oats closed a shade higher than yesterday. Cash oats were ¼c lower.

Provisions—An extremely moderate trade took place in product. At the beginning a strong hog market imparted a firm feeling which was lost subsequently through the disposition of packers and professionals to espouse the selling side, Nothing in the news or business was worthy of especial attention or mention. At the close May pork was 2½@5c lower, May lard 2½c lower and May ribs a shade lower.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

Business Only Moderate in All Departments.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The passage of the tariff bill through the House of Representatives has naturally been the subject of much discussion in the dry goods market, but still there has been much less interest in the events to-day than on previous occasions when tariff legislation made a definite step in its progress. In any case it is not conducive to the resumption of business at the moment on a more liberal scale, and with few spot buyers around and moderate mail orders business to day has been on a modest scale in all departments. The tone of the market in all directions has been without change and there has been no movement in prices calling for attention. Reports of collections are generally favorable, with more regularity in payments in the woollen goods trade frequently recorded.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending this date:

	1895	1894
Net receipts at all United States ports during the week...	220,616	303,712
Total receipts to this date.....	3,330 908	4,978,124
Exports for the week	119,786	257,541
Total exports to this date.....	2,031,018	3,299,759
Stock in all United States ports.....	1,094,684	1,256,746
Stock at all interior towns.....	264,077	206,156
American afloat for Great Britain.....	1,107,000	370,000

At Troy, New York, yesterday, Nims & Co., one of the oldest book publishing houses in that part of the country, made a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Spirits turpentine firm with the South at 31@31½. Rosin dull but steady; strained common to good $1 70@1 75.

SAVANNAH, December 27.—Spirits turpentine opened firm at 28¼c for regulars with sales of 500 casks; closed dull and unchanged with no sales; receipts for three days 1,223 casks. Rosin unchanged; sales 500 barrels.

CHARLESTON, December 27.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 27c; receipts — casks. Rosin firm; good strained $1 20@1 30; receipts — barrels.

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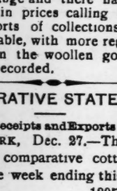

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CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION DISCUSSED IN THE SENATE.

Senator Butler's Proposition—The House Revenue Bill Received and Referred to Committee—The Bond Bill Debated in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The financial question came to the front in the Senate to-day in the form of a joint resolution introduced by Mr. Hill of New York, Democrat, to the effect that all bonds to be heretofore issued shall be made payable in gold coin or in standard silver dollars at the option of the holders; and that no bond containing such option shall bear a higher rate of interest than 3 per cent. He made a long, carefully prepared speech on the subject, winding up with the declaration that his proposition was a measure simply for temporary relief; but that as a measure of permanent relief it was reasonably clear that all United States notes and Treasury notes should be redeemed and then cancelled.

Mr. Teller was wrought up to a state of indignation by Mr. Hill's proposition and speech, and in his invective against the President, the Secretary of the Treasury and Treasury subordinates, made a contemptuous allusion to the "tide waiter who now assumes to speak on the financial matter." Everybody understood that it was the New York Senator who was thus ignominously referred to, but when Mr. Hill subsequently took up the offensive epithet he was assured in a most positive manner by Mr. Teller that he had no reference whatever to the Senator from New York, but had only meant to apply the epithet to such Treasury subordinates as the Director of the Mint and the Assistant Treasurer at New York. Mr. Hill apparently accepted the disavowal but avenged himself in some degree by the intimation that the Director of the Mint was as competent to speak on the financial question as gentlemen who hailed from the wilds of Colorado.

The joint resolution remains on the Vice President's table to be taken up for further discussion, in connection with a substitute offered by the new Populist Senator from North Carolina, Mr. Butler, to make the interest and principal of all coin-bearing bonds payable in the cheaper of the two metals.

A joint resolution for the acceptance of the ram Katahdin was reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs and adopted.

Mr. Burrows of Michigan, Republican, presented and had referred to the Finance Committee a proposition to take certain articles from the free list and to have rates of duty imposed upon them in harmony with the bill just passed by the House. He had originally proposed it as a bill; but on being reminded by Mr. Sherman of Ohio, Republican, that the Senate had no right to originate a revenue measure, he put it in the form of an amendment to the House bill. The House bill of yesterday, "to temporarily increase the revenue to meet the expenses of the Government and provide against deficiency," was received from the House, read a first and second time and referred to the Finance Committee.

House bill to make Palm Beach, Florida, a sub-port of entry and delivery was reported from the Committee on Commerce and was at the request of Mr. Call of Florida, Democrat, considered and passed.

Pending the debate on Senator Hill's joint resolution, Mr. Butler offered as a substitute for that resolution his own proposition for the payment of Treasury notes and greenbacks in either gold coin or silver coin (preferentially in the cheaper coin.) He also introduced a constitutional amendment in favor of an income tax. Both propositions were laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Quay offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy for a report as to whether it is not desirable at this time to contract for six battleships instead of two, and asked for its adoption.

"Let it lie over," Mr. Gorman interposed, and it went over.

Mr. Lodge gave notice that he would on Monday next submit some remarks on the subject of the Monroe doctrine.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of Executive business, and 2.40 adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In accordance with the decision of the Committee on Ways and Means last Monday, Chairman Dingley to-day reported to the House the bill to provide for the restoration and protection of the gold reserve by the sale of 3 per cent. bonds and to authorize the issue of certificates of indebtedness to meet deficiencies in revenue. But under the protests of a large number of Republican members the bill was amended by the committee at a meeting held this morning, and the programme calling for a vote on the passage of the bill at 5 o'clock to-day was changed so as to give six hours additional debate, three to-night and three to-morrow, the vote to be taken at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The resolution from the Committee on Rules was adopted by a vote of 195 to 101, after it had been antagonized by Messrs. Crisp, Bailey and McMillin, the Republicans refraining from discussing it.

The debate on the bond bill was opened by Mr. Dingley, who advocated its passage in a speech of nearly an hour's duration. He said its provisions would tend to strengthen and protect the gold reserve by making it a fund for the redemption of greenbacks only and not a fund to be drawn upon for current expenses.

The passage of the bill was also advocated in the course of the afternoon by Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, Republican, as a patriotic duty; by Mr. Lacey of Ohio, Republican, and Mr. Johnson of North Dakota, Republican.

It was opposed by Mr. Turner of Georgia, Democrat, who said the administration wanted all the paper money retired, and if he had had an opportunity to do so, would have offered to so amend the bill; by Mr. Patterson of Tennessee, Democrat, who said the duty of Congress was to restore confidence in the currency of the country; and by Messrs. Swanson of Virginia, Democrat, and Wheeler of Alabama, Democrat.

The sensation of the day came at a late hour in the afternoon, when Mr. Johnson of California, Republican, voiced in an impassioned manner the opposition to the measure in the ranks of the majority. He said it gave the lie to every Republican speech and every Republican platform, and he pleaded with his political associates to vote against it. He was cheered by the Democrats and many Republicans as he predicted the defeat of the first section of the bill, and declared that the only true relief to be found was in the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

Before the debate was entered upon the unanimous report of the Committee on Elections No. 1 was received. It commended Mr. McGann for his fairness and justness in waiving his claim to the seat. Mr. Hugh Belknap was declared to be entitled to the seat from the Third Illinois District, for which Mr. Lawrence E. McGann held the certificate. Mr. Belknap was sworn in by the Speaker.

At 5 o'clock the House rose and took a recess until 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The debate was continued by Mr. Northway of Ohio, Republican, in support of the bill, Mr. Tarsney of Missouri, Democrat, in opposition, Mr. Henderson of Iowa, Republican, in support, and Mr. Sholroth of Colorado, Republican, against it. At the conclusion of Mr. Sholroth's speech the opposition to the bill had occupied three hours and thirty-eight minutes and the affirmative two hours and forty-six minutes. Of the three hours' debate to-morrow, provided in the rule regulating it, the advocates of the bill have one hour and 56 minutes to their credit, and the opponents one hour and four minutes.

At 10 o'clock the House adjourned until noon to-morrow.

GOVERNMENT FINANCES

REPUBLICAN OPPOSITION TO THE HOUSE BOND BILL.

It Is Not Likely to Pass the Senate Unless Amended—President Cleveland Will Order Sale of $100,000,000 in Bonds If Relief Measures Are Not Speedily Adopted by Congress.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—The opposition to the Bond bill, which developed with unexpected rapidity among the Republicans in the House yesterday—an opposition which it was claimed threatened to defeat the passage of the bill—resulted in its amendment by the Ways and Means Committee this morning, so as to prevent the retirement of the legal tender notes. The implied retirement of the notes (in the bill as originally agreed upon) furnished the inspiration for much of the hostility to the measure among certain of the Republicans who belong to what is termed "The Sound Money Wing of the party." The action of the committee to-day nullifies this hotility and, in the language of Mr. Hopkins of Illinois, through whose efforts the bill was amended, "insures its passage through the House."

When the Ways and Means Committee met this morning the amendment prepared by Mr. Hopkins was inserted in the bill as a part of section 1, and the chairman was directed to report the measure to the House in that form.

Section 1 as amended, after giving authority to the Secretary of the Treasury to sell coin bonds bearing interest at 3 per cent, redeemable after five years, reads as follows:

"And the Secretary of the Treasury shall use the proceeds thereof for the redemption of United States legal tender notes and for no other purpose; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to repeal or modify the act approved May 1, 1878, entitled 'an act to forbid further retirement of United States Legal Tender Notes.'"

Then follows the remainder of the section with reference to advertising the bonds for sale.

Another amendment inserted by the committee in section 1 to-day provides that the bonds shall be payable in fifteen years after their issue.

The Treasury gold reserve at the close of business, with all withdrawals out, stands at $68,868,890. The amount of gold reported withdrawn at New York for export to-day was $9.000 000 and $418,000 in exchange for currency for domestic use.

Secretary Carlisle spent most of the day in consultation with the President and was at the Treasury only a few minutes. The impression is general that the President, living up to the language of his message to Congress on its opening, will within a short time sell $100,000,000 bonds unless there is evidence that some relief measure will pass Congress speedily. The best opinion is that the chances for the Senate and House to concur quickly in any measure that will meet the approval of the President are slight.

The progress of the Tariff bill will not be impeded in the Senate. It was referred to the Committee on Finance to-day and subsequently several Democratic members of that committee were in conference with Mr. Gorman and other leaders in discussing the Democratic policy in dealing with the measure. It was tacitly understood among these Senators that there should be no unreasonable time consumed either in committee or on the floor of the Senate. It is believed that the debate in the Senate will be of much shorter duration than has been anticipated, and that the Democrats, after they have stated their position, will permit it to come to a vote. The prediction is made, however, by leading Democrats, that the bill as it came from the House cannot pass the Senate.

Mr. Voorhees has issued a call for a meeting of the Finance Committee next Thursday, the regular meeting day. Although the committee will be reorganized before the bill is reported Mr. Voorhees deemed it proper, as he is still chairman, to call the meeting at once and let the committee deal with the subject.

Mr. Voorhees believes the bill will be considered promptly in the committee and reported to the Senate as expeditiously as possible. No member of the Finance Committee is willing to predict whether or not the bill will be amended in the Senate committee.

FIRE IN BALTIMORE.

Oehm's Clothing and Armstrong, Cator & Co.'s Millinery Establishments Badly Damaged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, December 27—The most exciting fire that has occurred in the city recently began a minute or two past 12 o'clock this morning at the corner of Charles and Baltimore streets, and before the flames were extinguished $350,000 had gone up in smoke.

The fire was discovered in the four-story iron building occupied by Oehm & Co., one of the largest clothing establishments in the city.

Meantime the flames had extended to the upper stories of the mammoth millinery establishment of Armstrong, Cator & Co., on Baltimore street, and their million dollar stock was threatened with a heavy fire and water loss. The fire, however, was confined to the top of the building.

The fire also communicated to other establishments on South Charles street, causing many small losses. The losses are estimated as follows: Oehm & Co., $300,000 on stock; the Abell estate, Canfield estate and Murdoch estate, owners of the buildings occupied by Oehm & Co., $125,000; Armstrong, Cator & Co., and other small losses, $35,000. The losses are all covered by insurance. Oehm & Co. has the contract with the United States Government for the manufacture of all letter-carriers' and other uniforms purchased by the Government and many school cadet uniforms. The firm employs 200 men.

Twenty-three bodies were finally taken from the theatre. Ten persons, more or less injured are at the city hospital; two of them may die. Several others were taken to their homes in carriages suffering from contusions or broken bones. The death list will probably exceed twenty-five.

Two baby lions were stolen by a negro from the Hagenback show on the Midway at Atlanta. The cubs were in a basket and the thief thought they were a fancy kind of dog. When he found out what they were he was glad to drop them. He was arrested.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

PANIC IN A THEATRE.

THIRTEEN PERSONS KILLED AND TWENTY INJURED.

Cry of Fire Raised During a Performance—Mad Rush For the Exits—People Trampled to Death.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, December 27.—Thirteen bodies lie calm in death at the morgue to-night and twenty persons are in the accident wards of the City Hospital, the result of a panic at Front Street Theatre. The United Oriental Opera and Dramatic Company of New York was presenting an opera in the Hebrew language to an audience of fully 3,000 persons. Shortly after the performance begun some one shouted "fire," and the immense gathering with one accord began a wild scramble for the exits. Men and women and boys and girls fought for a vantage ground, and a scene of the wildest confusion prevailed. The street doors were closed, and being hung to open inward the struggling mass of humanity was brought to a standstill. Those in the rear climbed over the heads of the ones in front and trampled the weaker ones beneath their feet. For several minutes the wild fight for liberty continued.

When the policemen arrived on the scene they found a mass of struggling humanity five feet deep in the small foyer of the playhouse. One of the doors was forced open and the work of pulling out the dead and injured was commenced. An alarm of fire was turned in, followed immediately afterwards by an ambulance call. Patrol wagons were also pressed into service and were soon hurrying to the city hospital with one or two of the unfortunates. None of the dead have been identified up to 10 p. m. Among the dead are two men of 29 and 35 years respectively, a woman aged about 35, three girls aged 4, 7 and 18 respectively, and three boys whose ages range from 9 to 15 years. Among the injured are two girls aged 13 and 14 respectively, two women of 38 and 60 years, boys of 4, 5 and 11, and two men aged 29 and 30.

A FARMER MURDERED.

Scott Currie, of Richmond County, Assassinated by Four White Men—The Murderers in Jail.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 27.—In Richmond county, near the South Carolina line, Scott Currie, a white farmer, was assassinated by four white men—Rob't Wilson and Alex. Wilson, brothers, and Peter L. Pate and his son Wm. Pate. Currie left home at night to visit a neighbor and did not return. His wife next morning at daylight went to the house of the man her husband had said he would visit. She found her husband's body within seventy-five yards of the house. His brains were beaten out and he was shot through the head and arm. The coroner held an inquest and evidence quickly developed against the four men named above. Their arrest followed and the Wilson brothers confessed that all four were guilty of waylaying Currie and that Wm. Pate did the shooting. All are in jail.

NEWS OF THE NAVY.

Movements of United States Warships.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 27.—The battleship Indiana is expected to get away from Philadelphia to-day or Monday under orders to proceed to Newport, R. I., for her automovible torpedo outfit, stopping at Garner's Bay for great gun practice. There is no truth in the report that the ship was ordered to Port Royal, S. C.

The cruiser Minneapolis reached Alexandretta yesterday and reported to Admiral Selfridge who is at Smyrna, in the San Francisco, the Marblehead remaining at Mersine.

Admirals Braine and Roe, on the retired list, have voluntarily rendered explanations to the Navy Department regarding published interviews which were entirely satisfactory and no official action will be taken in the matter. These officers had been quoted in a New York paper as severely criticising the President's Venezuelan message.

A VIOLENT STORM

Caused Considerable Damage in and Around Baltimore.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, December 27.—Last night's gale eclipsed all previous winds in and about Baltimore and caused quite a little damage. The velocity of the wind in the city reached fifty miles an hour. In Hagerstown the tin roof of the Baldwin House was blown off, chimneys were leveled and there was a panic among the guests. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad bridge over the Antietam Creek, near Reedysville, was lifted from its foundation and thrown into the water. Three hundred men were put to work rebuilding it. Reports from all over the western portion of the State indicate damage to buildings, trees, etc.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET.

The Financial Situation Causes a General Decline in Values.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Stocks were weaker to-day. At the opening London was a seller and cables reported a general decline in American railway securities abroad. Following this $3,000,000 gold was engaged for shipment to Europe to-morrow and this had a disturbing effect on marginal holders of stocks. Besides this the street was inclined to take a less hopeful view of the prospects for financial legislation at Washington. The result was a general decline of ¼@1¼ per cent. in the first hour of trading.

FLOOD IN MISSOURI.

The Loss Immense—Great Destitution—Famine Threatens.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SEDALIA, Mo., December 27.—As the water recedes in the submerged districts the extent of damage is becoming known. The valleys of the Osage and Gasconda rivers suffered most and it is not an exaggeration to place the aggregate loss at $5,000,000. Famine threatens in some localities. At Eldorado Springs the supply of groceries is exhausted and not a train has arrived for ten days. Great destitution prevails at Linn Creek, Camden county, and a relief fund is started there.

WARM WIRELETS.

Evans, Green & Co., general merchandise, at Athens, Texas, have failed. Liabilities $19,000.

The Macon & Birmingham road was sold at Macon, Ga., yesterday for $368,000. It was bought by C. H. Tyler, of Boston, representing F. M. Edwards and B. C. Parsons, of Boston. Tyler refuses to say whom he represents besides Edwards and Parsons.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effects of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

KNOWLEDGE

Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs.

Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance.

Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and $1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost and Found Wants, and other short miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department, in leaded Nonpareil type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms, positively cash in advance.

Lost, $15 in greenbacks Thursday afternoon. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to Jos Strauss, at the French Cafe, Princess street. dec 28 tf

Free Photographs, Any one desiring to know who has been awarded the one dozen Cabinets for the best written advertisement can find out by inquiring at the Gallery, 114 Market street, U. C. Ellis. dec 27 tf

You can get five beautiful Cabinet Photographs for $1.03, corner Fourth and Market streets. C. H. Pease. dec 24 2t*

Removal—From and after this date I will have my residence at the Purcell House. J. F. Woolvin Undertaker and Embalmer. dec 23 1m

Chickens—Two hundred just received. A lot of nice Pork Hogs at 5 cents per pound delivered anywhere in the city. Also a few dressed Geese, live Turkeys, Eggs, etc., at lowest prices. Neill McKinnon, Wholesale and Retail Grocer, No. 3 South Water street. c21

"Welcome Week" will not come this year, but our extra fine Bananas in abundance, and a full line of fine large red Apples from the West, also, 150 crates of selected N. C. Mountain Apples, mixed Nuts, Raisins, Dates, &c., are already here for our Christmas trade. A. S. Winstead & Co., Wholesale Fruit and Produce Commission Merchants. dec 13 D&W tf

Christmas Groceries—Just received one of the best assortments of Christmas and Holiday Groceries in the city, which I can sell at Low Prices. Courteous clerks and drivers will wait on you at any hour in the day. Give me a call, and satisfaction is guaranteed. Chas. D. Jacobs, North Front street, near Mulberry. dec 10 tf

Telephone 161. For best quality of Wood and Coal delivered any where in the city call up Telephone 161. John H. Whiteman & Son. nov 7 1m

The celebrated pale Kyffhauser Beer! Sold only by F. Richter, Wilmington, N. C.

Baskets, Vegetable Baskets for the shipment of Peas, Beans, Cucumbers, etc. For sale at Jno. S. McEachern's Grain and Feed Store 211 Market street. c21

Hayden, F. H., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House c21

GREAT

CLEARING SALE

OUR ENTIRE STOCK,

Comprising a Fine Line of

Millinery

—AND—

Fancy Goods,

DryGoods

—AND—

Notions.

CLOAKS,

Capes, Toys and Holiday

Novelties Must Be Sold.

Our reason being that we intend to continue in

Millinery Exclusively,

so shall give our patrons a chance to buy new and desirable goods at COST FOR CASH ONLY.

Don't miss this chance as goods were never before sold at such prices.

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

118 Market St.,

dec 13 tf Wilmington, N. C.

Butter.

10 small tubs G. E. Butter.
25 cases Pearline.
10 barrels Mott's Cider.
100 bundles Butter Dishes.
10 Chicken Coops.
25 Egg Crates.
10 cases Brandy Peaches.
15 boxes Mackerel.
10 kegs A. & H. Soda.

W. B. COOPER,

Wholesale Grocer and Commission Merchant, 208 North Water Street,

dec 25 tf D&W Wilmington, N. C.

"COME DOWN."

If we were ever up we have "come down," if the number of people that crowd our store is an evidence. They have picked up some rare bargains during the past week, and we have put out some extra values this week and we want you to

"Come Down."

In order to give our customers a chance to do some extra shopping we will keep our store

Open Every Night

UNTIL

9.30 O'clock

DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

DOLLS.

We have the prettiest line of Dolls ever seen in this city. Few merchants are so fortunate as to find a really pretty line of DOLLS, but chance has favored us and our Dolls have pretty features, and every type of perfect beauty is represented in the line. They are here from 25c to $15.00.

Oriental Wares.

Oat Meal Sets, Dutch Sugar Bowls, Fancy Cake Plates, Butter Plates, Cut Glass Vinegar Bottles, Japanese Cracker Jars, Tea Caddies, Rose Jars, Flower Vases, Tooth Pick Holders, Wedge-wood Pitchers and other articles in endless variety.

Handkerchiefs.

We have always sold an immense number of Handkerchiefs during the holidays. We are prepared this season for larger sales. We have imported real Lace Handkerchiefs, also Embroidered, Linen and Silk in initial and plain, 5c to $3.50 each.

Chenille and Damask Table Covers 75c to $5.00.

LINENS—Table Damask, Doylies, Napkins, Towels and

Stamped Linens.

Novelty Dress Goods,

Black Dress Goods.

Kid Gloves.

We call special attention to our line of KID GLOVES. We carry the very best makes and guarantee a perfect fit when fitted at our counters.

Ladies' and Gents' Hosiery.

Blankets, Comforts and Underwear.

Sale of Carpet Remnants.

The public cordially invited to visit our establishment during the evening.

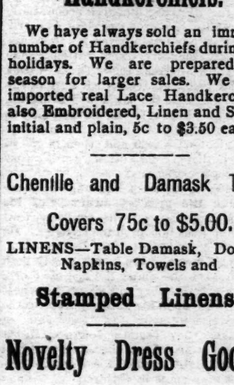
A. D. BROWN,

Successor to BROWN & RODDICK

No. 29 North Front St.

dec 15 tf

THE CHICAGO.



Just Try It, Which Is All We Ask

We do not claim to sell our goods so much less than others, but we do say that we can and will sell as low as any House that pays full value for their goods.

W. E. SPRINGER & CO.,

Purcell Building,

dec 24 tf Wilmington, N. C.

CALL ON US

For prices before placing orders for FANCY AND STAPLE

Groceries and Provisions.

A small lot MOUNTAIN BUTTER just received, just the thing for Christmas cooking. Good old N. C. HAMS.

HALL & PEARSALL,

Nutt and Mulberry streets.

dec 21 D&W tf

TOYS! TOYS!

We have Dolls, Pianos, Bureaus, Tool Chests, Chairs, Carts, Pistols, Tin Toys, Drums, and lots of other Toys for Santa Claus. Christmas comes but once a year, and old Santa Claus makes the Racket Store his headquarters. He says they are headquarters for all classes of goods. Ladies' Capes, Kid Gloves, fine Handkerchiefs, Umbrellas, fine Trimmed Hats and Caps for all the family. Underwear and Hosiery of all kinds. The finest Air Gun in the State at 98c each. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Neckwear. Lace Curtains, Chenille Portieres, Poles and Trimmings. Carpets for Santa Claus presents. A handsome new Trunk, a Grip Bag, a Body Rug, a Chenille Table Cover, a fine Waterproof Gossamer, a gentleman's fine Mackintosh Coat, a Suit of Clothes for the boy, young man and old gentleman. A fine Beaver Overcoat at $6.50. Boys' Overcoats at $1.50 up to 5.50. A fine pair Sunday Pants for a young man. A fine Double-barrelled Shot-gun for the old gentleman at $8.98—London Twist Breech-loader. Remember we are headquarters for the Wilson Heaters. They are the best and most economical Stoves that have ever been made. They are Cheap, Price—No. 3½, small size at $4 00; No. 3, large size at $6.00; No. 3, special, at $6 50. These are Stoves that need no recommendation, they sell themselves. You know where to find us, at 113 North Front street, opposite the Orton House.

Braddy & Gaylord, Prop.

Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

P. S.—Mail orders attended to promptly the day they are received, and satisfaction guaranteed. dec 15 tf

HARDWARE, TINWARE,

Agricultural Implements

Cutlery, Guns, Pistols, Powder, Shot, Caps, Loaded and Unloaded Shells, &c.

BEST GOODS AT THE LOWEST PRICES. Call and examine our immense stock.

J. W. MURCHISON,

Old Stand of Giles & Murchison, Orton Building, Wilmington, N. C.

dec 20 tf

It Is Strange

How Easily Some People are Fooled Out of Their Hard Earned Money.

We don't think it right to advertise that we are going to sell you goods at a reduced price for cash and then not do it. During the past week this has been our experience. Customers have come in and bought of us and then tell us that we are selling cheaper than some of those *great big establishments* who claim to sell *cheap for cash*, but don't practice what they preach. Trade is coming our way and we are striving to take care of it. Don't fail to look at our

China Tables

AND OUR SHOW CASES FULL OF THINGS SUITABLE FOR

XMAS PRESENTS.

Remember bargains in

Oil, Coal and Wood Heaters,

COAL VASES.

and other winter comforts. We are not afraid to compare prices with any establishment in the city.

Alderman Hardware Co,

29 South Front Street.

dec 15 tf

SPECIAL BARGAINS

For the Holidays.

180 pair Ladies' Pat. Leather Tip Button Boots, C. D. and E. Last, at $1.25, worth $1.75.

60 pair Gents' Tan Slippers $1.00.

120 pair Gents' Tan Toilet Slippers at $1.30, worth $1.75.

72 pair Patent Leather Oxfords at $1.00.

60 pair Ladies' Velvet Slippers at $1.25.

Also Ladies' Fur Top Nullifiers at $1.50, at

Geo. R. French & Sons.

dec 18 tf

For Sale Cheap, or Lease.

Twenty Crops Pullines Turpentine Boxes.
Nine Crops Virgin Turpentine Boxes.
Two Hundred and Twenty-five Dip Barrels.
Two Stills and Fixtures.
Three Double Wagons.
Eleven Mules and Two Horses.

From which I have made this year 800 barrels spirits.

Located only fifteen miles from Brunswick, Ga., and sixty miles from Savannah. Both good Naval Store Markets, directly on the Southern Railroad. Address me.

DAVIS DURRERLY,

nov 8 1m Pennick, Ga.

At Morrison's

YOU FIND FRESH CANDIES, FRESH NUTS, FRESH FRUITS.

THE SWEETEST and PRETTIEST STORE in the City. dec 22 tf

No Grass Grows Under

OUR FEET.

It Don't

Take long to tell the story why so many hundreds buy that never before bought Suits from us.

We've Revolutionized Prices.

It was the most courageous stroke of the age; cutting prices in half. One half for the buyer, the other for ourselves, and what is more surprising, the revolution goes on. Actually, to day we're

Selling Suits for $5 & $6

that others are getting $10 and $12. Same story in our best Suits.

Look in our Window and see our new designs in

Percale Shirts.

De Joinville and Four-in-Hand Ties,

GLOVES,

Silk Handkerchiefs,

Collars, Cuffs, &c.

A. DAVID & CO.,

FRONT AND PRINCESS ST.

dec 9 tf

S. H. Fishblate,

KING CLOTHIER.

OUR STOCK PURCHASED BEFORE THE ADVANCE IN PRICES.

Goods sold at retail less than present wholesale prices.

All Wool Cheviot Suits $6.00, worth $12.00.

See our $7.50 Cassimere Suits, equal to any $12.50.

Hundreds of Children's Suits, all Wool, $1.50 up, worth double the Money.

NEW HATS

AND FURNISHINGS.

It would be pure folly and a waste of money to pay the exorbitant prices that you are called upon to put up for a hat, simply because you buy from an exclusive hatter. We show an immense assortment of all the newest shapes and shades in Derbys and Alpines, at prices that are right and which are from 25 per cent. to 33⅓ per cent. below others.

DRESS SHIRTS,
PERCALE SHIRTS,
NEGLIGEE SHIRTS,
NOBBY NECKWEAR,
DRESS GLOVES,
SIGHTLY HOSIERY.

Your money back if you want it.

S. H. Fishblate,

KING CLOTHIER.

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Commissioner's Sale.

IN PURSUANCE of a decree of foreclosure at September Term, 1895, of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in an action therein pending, wherein John L. Wescott is plaintiff, and W. B McKoy and R. H. McKoy are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioner appointed by said decree will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, on Monday, the 20th day of January, A. D., 1896, at 12 o'clock m., the following two parcels of land in the said city of Wilmington: 1st Tract—Beginning at a point on the north side of Market street, between Front and Second streets, bounded westwardly by a lot formerly the property of Jean DuBois, eastwardly by a lot formerly the property of Jacob Trout, northwardly by Toomer's Alley, and southwardly by said Market street, measuring 20 feet front on Market street, and running back 193 feet to Toomer's Alley, and part culatly described in a deed from Nathaniel Hill to James Owen, recorded in Book "X," page 370 of the Records of New Hanover county.

2nd Tract—Beginning at the northwest intersection of Market and Front streets, running thence northwardly, with the line of Front street, 49 feet, to Augustus Lesman's line, thence westwardly 19 feet, to the line of William A. Wright and Thomas H. Wright, thence southwardly 49 feet to Market street, and thence eastwardly to the beginning.

E. K. BRYAN,
Commissioner.

dec 18 30t

Commissioner's Sale.

IN PURSUANCE of a decree of foreclosure at April Term, A. D., 1895, of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, in an action therein pending, wherein John L. Wescott is plaintiff, and W B McKoy, Katherine B. McKoy, and John D Bellamy, Jr., Trustee, are defendants, the undersigned, Commissioner appointed by said decree, will sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington, on Monday, the 20th day of January, A. D., 1896, at 12 o'clock m., the following parcel of land in the said city of Wilmington: Beginning at a point on the north side of Market street between Front and Second streets, bounded westwardly by a lot formerly the property of Jean DuBois, eastwardly by a lot formerly the property of Jacob Trout, northwardly by Toomer's Alley, and southwardly by said Market street, measuring 20 feet front on Market street, and running back 193 feet to Toomer's Alley, and particularly described in a deed from Nathaniel Hill to James Owen, recorded in Book "X," page 370 of the Records of New Hanover county.

E. K. BRYAN,
Commissioner.

dec 18 30t

Butter, Butter.

25 small tubs Butter.
50 bags Water Ground Meal.
150 barrels Mullets.
25 boxes Mixed Nuts.
25 bags C. C. Nuts.
100 boxes and tubs Candy.
25 barrels Ginger Cakes.
140 boxes Crackers.
200 boxes Smoked Herrings.
75 boxes Cheese.

At D. L. GORE'S.

dec 17 tf